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Message from President Randy Helm

time machines

Dear Friends from Muhlenberg's Class of 2012,

As time machines go, yearbooks are pretty inadequate. You will receive this a few months after graduation. You'll flip through its pages, look for your own picture (admit it!), and soon put it on a shelf, in a box, or in the closet. If you don't leave it at your parents' house, you'll schlep it around during multiple moves. Then, years from now, you'll pick it up again. You will be amazed at how young you and your friends once looked. You'll be appalled by your haircut and fashion choices (unless you're a guy and have lost your hair, in which case you will feel a pang of regret). You'll be puzzled by the humor (why did we think that was funny?). Then... back to the box, shelf, closet for a few more years.

Of course, perhaps before your next big reunion someone will have invented an actual time machine and you can simply set the dials and actually return to your undergraduate days like Marty McFly from Back to the Future. I, of course, will notice that this has happened by the sudden spike in students' wisdom and maturity, not to mention your uncanny success in investments and sports wagers.

Let's assume, however, that the flux capacitor on your DeLorean is NOT working anytime soon. Beyond this yearbook and the memories it contains, there are other ways you can reconnect with Muhlenberg and stay reconnected over the years. Visiting the campus as often as possible is a good start. You know you're always welcome and your professors and I will always be glad to see you. Even when we have toddled off to retirement homes, there will still be fresh faces, new buildings, and welcoming faculty, even if the students will seem weirdly young (certainly younger than you ever remember being). What won't have changed is the friendships you've made here, and the intellectual curiosity and skills that you kindled in our classrooms, labs, and during informal debates and discussions in the Dining Commons, the GQ, and the residence halls. Cherish those treasures you acquired at Muhlenberg. They are essential ingredients of a life rich in meaning and satisfaction.

And here's something else that won't have changed: Muhlenberg will need you. We will need your engagement and support — as advocates, as donors, as volunteers.

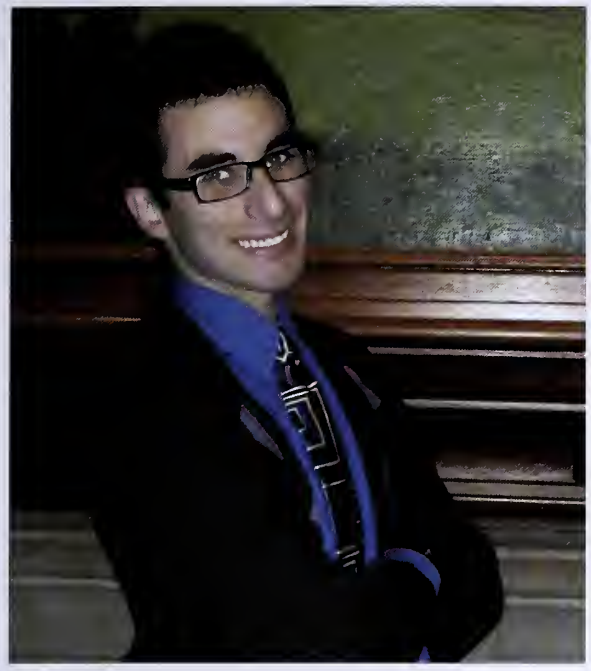
I wish I could congratulate you on having picked such a wonderful time to graduate, but I can't. First, because you really didn't have a lot of choice in the matter (oh sure, you could have procrastinated a bit and stretched it out another semester or two, but who would pay your bills?). And second because the world is in a pretty sorry mess. Unemployment is still high in the wake of the "Great Recession" of 2008-09; the Eurozone seems to be imploding. The Democrats and Republicans are at each other's throats (again!). We are still worried about terrorism, the Middle East, the economy ... the usual laundry list of woes. These things will probably not have changed by the time you receive this volume, but I hope that by the time you pull it off the shelf a few years from now our country will be much better off. Even if it is, Muhlenberg will still need you. The best colleges and universities are the best because of strong alumni engagement. So, don't forget to stay connected, even if Doc Brown never gets the DeLorean working.

Cordially,

Randy Helm

Randy Helm

Message from Student Body President



Well, I guess we are all supposed to know what we all what to be when we grow up now…right? It's a question that we've all been asked many times, in many forms, especially now that we are graduating and 'going off in the real world.' Instead of asking you the same thing, I pose to you a question that you likely have never been asked before: Who do you want to be when you grow up? They say College is a place where "learning" happens. I guess we've learned some things here at 'Berg, but learning, especially learning about yourself is something that shouldn't stop at graduation. We may live in a society that tells us we are what we buy, wear, and "Like" on Facebook, but we all are so much more than that. Figuring out what kind of person you want to be isn't easy, and you will inevitably have many questions. So to help, I've put together four steps to help get you off to the right start.

Step One- Look around you. No matter where you are in your life, you will meet some pretty amazing people-These people can be perfect role models. When we were at Muhlenberg, these people were often your roommate(s), your best friends, the kid who's always the first in line for a midnight snack in the GQ, your professors or other staff you worked with during your time at 'Berg. The same people exist in the real world too. Your boss, a co-worker, your neighbor, parents, or other family members can be great role models too. Learn from them, and you might find something about them that appeals to or suits you. They don't necessarily have to be tangible things; they can be responses to different scenarios, values, morals, and passions.

Step Two-Try new things. Wake up one day determined to make a minor adjustment and see if it works. Think of it like getting dressed. Wake up one day, and try on being more smiley—like your friend Emma, let's say, or decide that today you'll try on going to the gym with a matching choice to eat a salad rather than a bagel bomb. If it doesn't fit, don't wear it again. If you like the way it fits — and your 110% sure — then keep wearing it! Make it your own and thank the person who taught you something new about yourself. Not everything will fit you well, so don't freak out. We can't all be Lady GaGas, David Bowies, Martin Luther-King Jrs, or Randy Helms--not all of us can't pull off the meat dress or the bowtie, but that doesn't mean we can't try it once or twice.

Step Three- Don't ever stop. Strive to become the best person you can be and don't give up. Be Dynamic, ever evolving. Never give up on yourself, on life, or anything else. The moment you stop trying to outdo yourself is the moment you stop living life to its fullest. So, try new things, and try them often. Try a new food, stay up all night looking at the stars, find a new star! Take a chance; tell someone you've had a crush on them since you first saw them. Live with no regrets, say things with intent, learn something new about yourself every day, fall in love, and enjoy every moment of your life, just as you enjoyed some of those times at Muhlenberg.

And with that, Class of 2012, here is Step Four. Always remember you are a role model, too! Sure, we've been told that we have to be a role model for a younger sibling, cousin, or neighbor, but more importantly, you should be role model for yourself. Look up to yourself — because at the end of the day, we should strive to be who you want to be when you grow up.

-Jonathan Landau
Student Body President, 2011-2012

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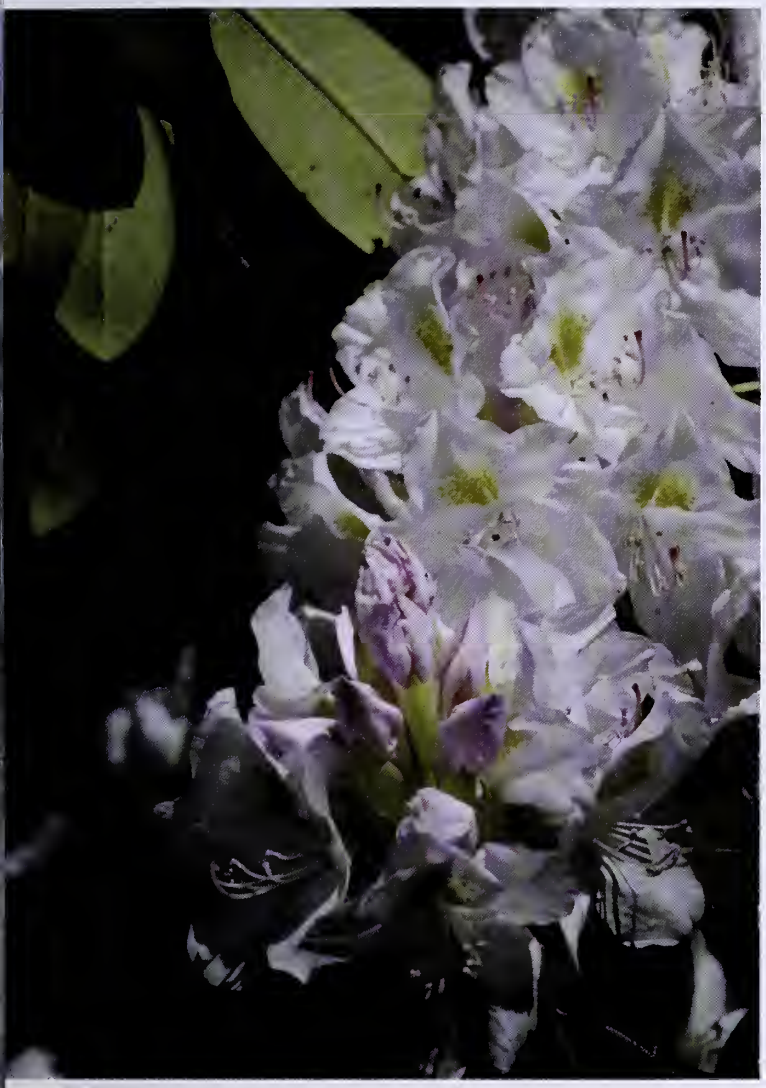

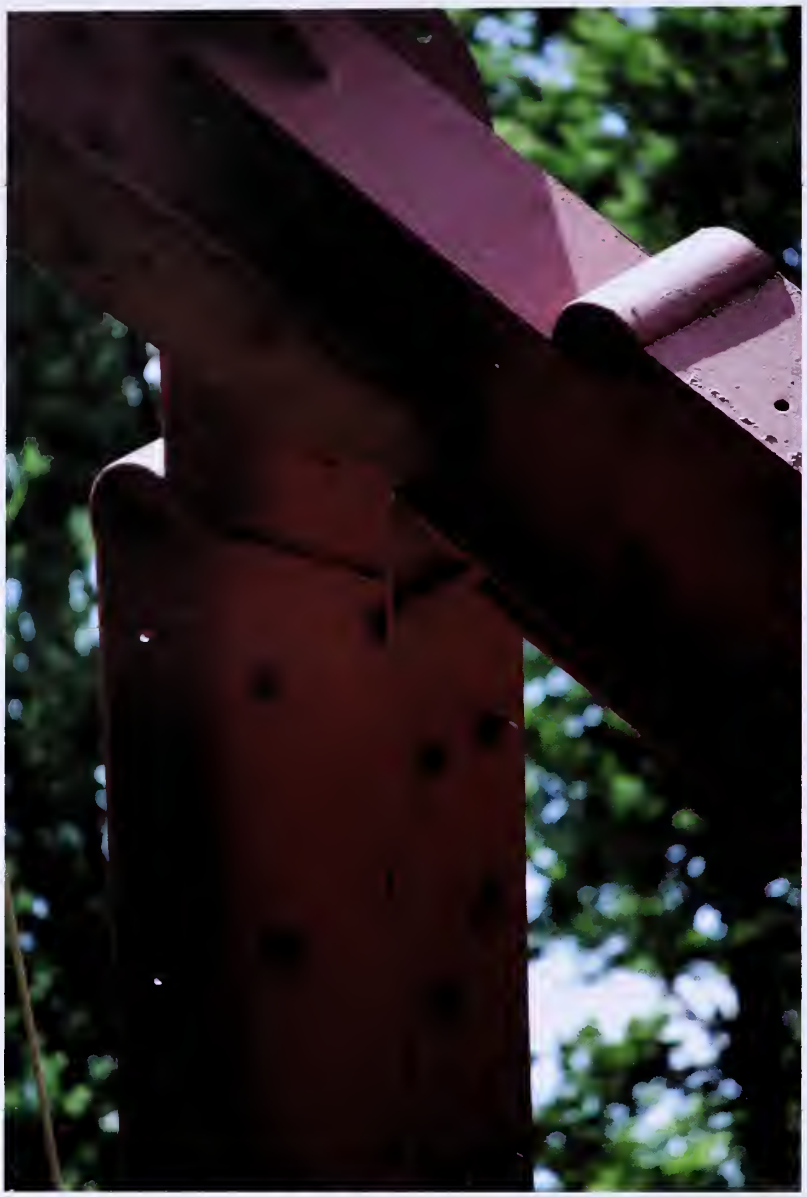

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Mission Statement

Muhlenberg College aims to develop independent critical thinkers who are intellectually agile, characterized by a zest for reasoned and civil debate, committed to understanding the diversity of the human experience, able to express ideas with clarity and grace, committed to life-long learning, equipped with ethical and civic values, and prepared for lives of leadership and service. The College is committed to providing an intellectually rigorous undergraduate education within the context of a supportive, diverse residential community. Our curriculum integrates the traditional liberal arts with selected pre-professional studies. Our faculty are passionate about teaching, value close relationships with students, and are committed to the pedagogical and intellectual importance of research. All members of our community are committed to educating the whole person through experiences within and beyond the classroom. Honoring its historical heritage from the Lutheran Church and its continuing connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Muhlenberg encourages, welcomes, and celebrates a variety of faith traditions and spiritual perspectives.

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student life

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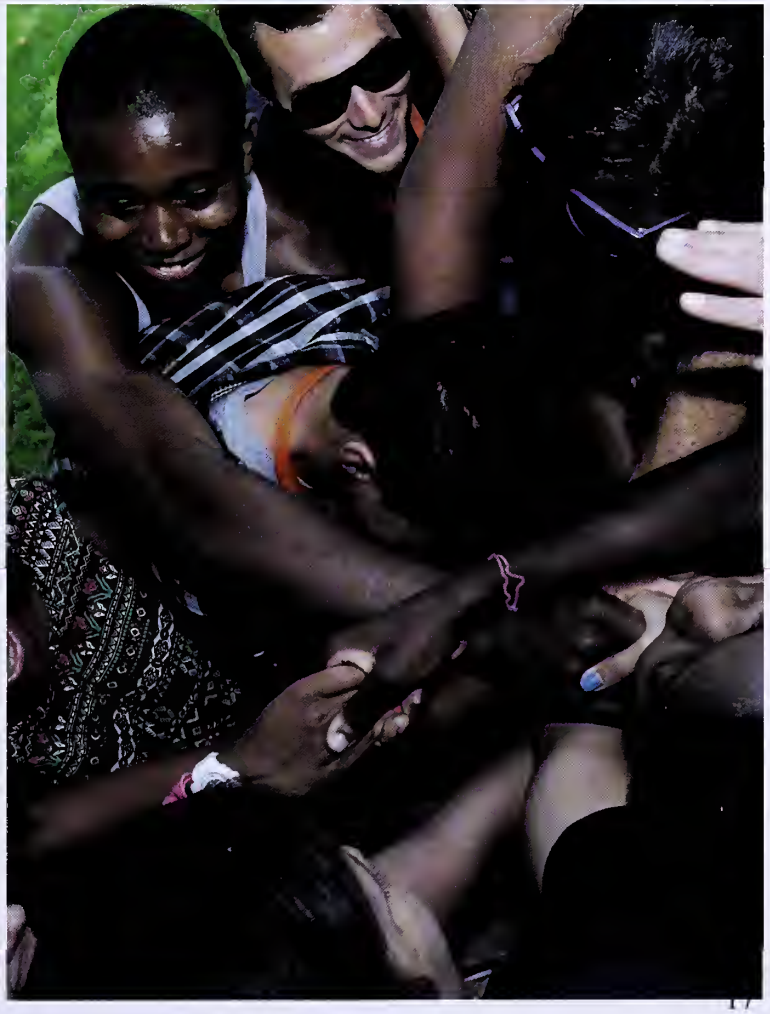
"Part of what I love about first year orientation is the opportunity to simultaneously welcome the first year students while giving them advice and guiding them throughout their year. Their experience over the weekend can set a positive tone for the year and maybetheir entire Muhlenberg career. The beauty of Muhlenberg and a liberal arts education is it allows students to explore their interests and take risks with classes. Embrace the choices you're given and the people you meet along the way. Approach your time with openness and be willing to take a chance."

- Elyse Zwanger'12, SOAP Committee 2012

opening weekend



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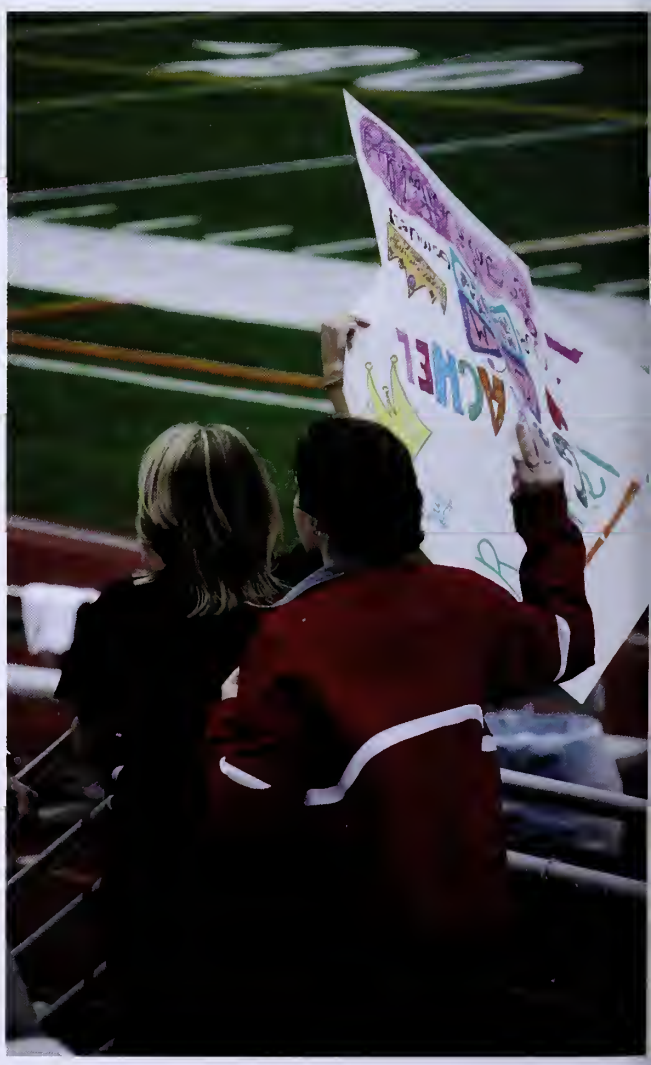
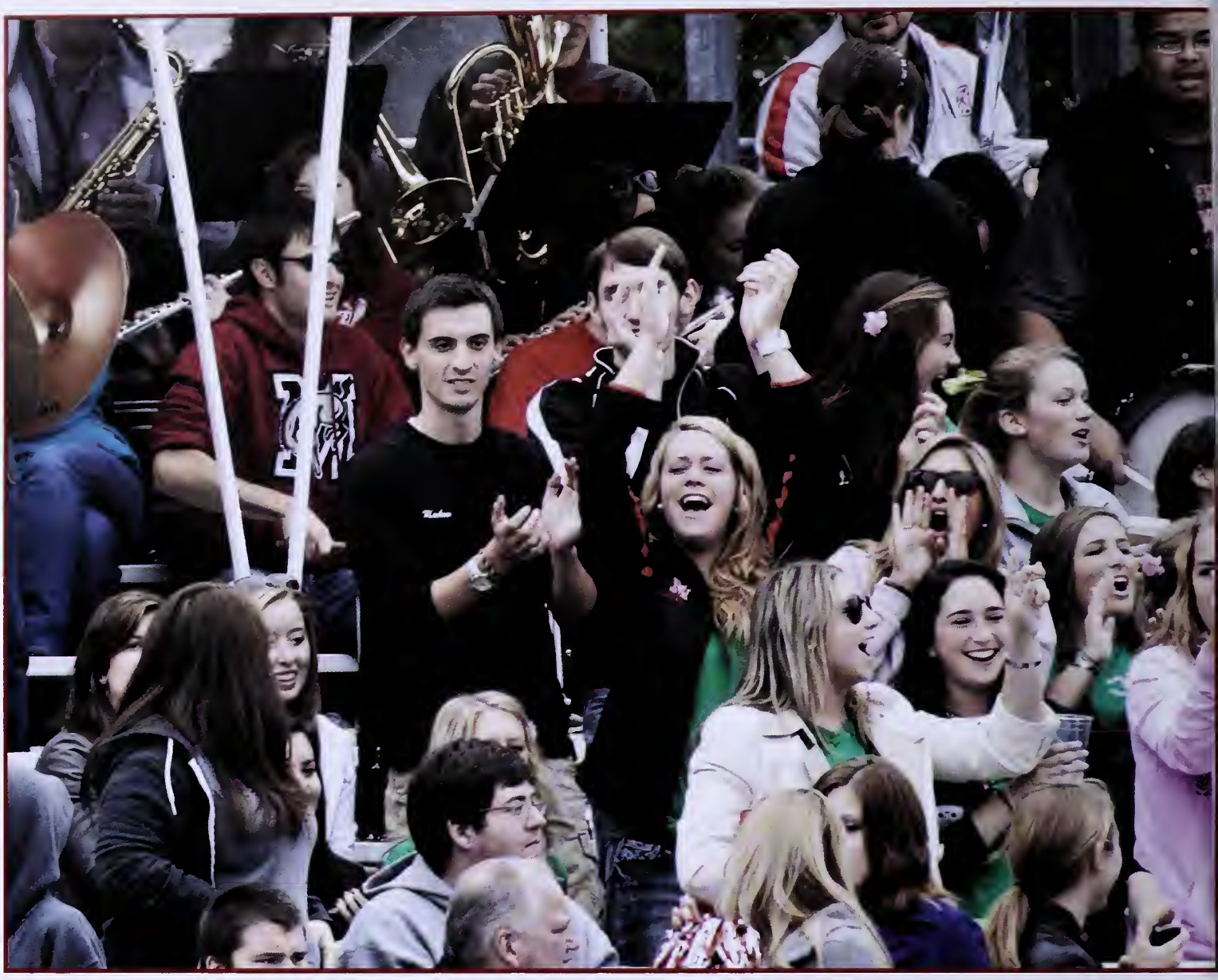
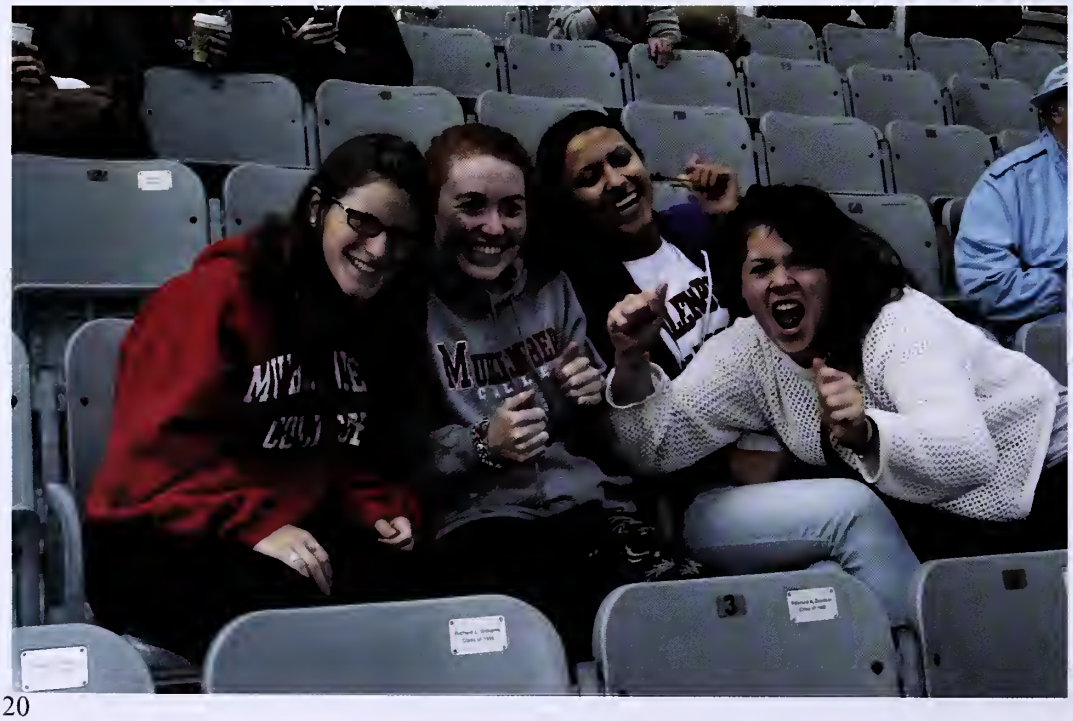
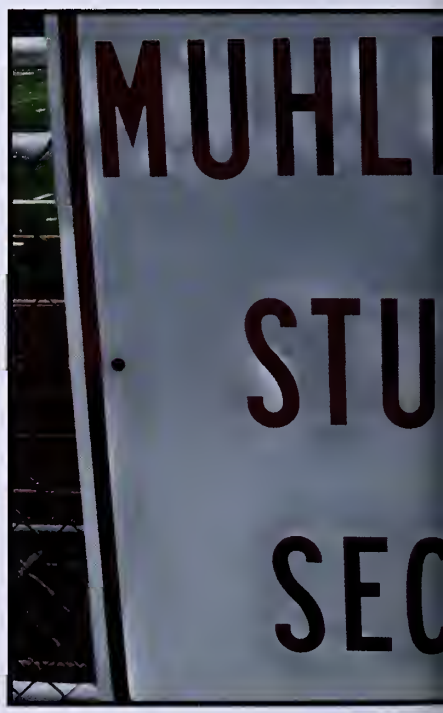


"Winning homecoming queen was truly an honor. Not only was I pleasantly surprised but I was so thankful that my friends and peers thought so highly of me to elect me queen. Accepting this honor wasn't only for myself, but on behalf of my sorority, my friends and my family. I am thankful for all that Muhlenberg has given me and this wonderful experience only adds to that."

- Rachel Jakubowitcz '12, Homecoming Queen 2012



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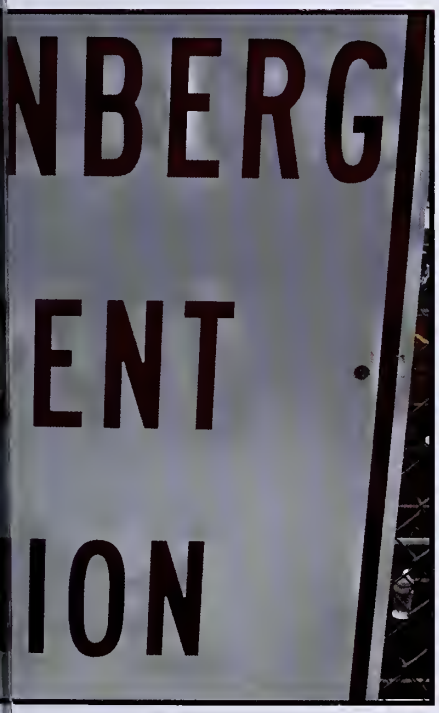
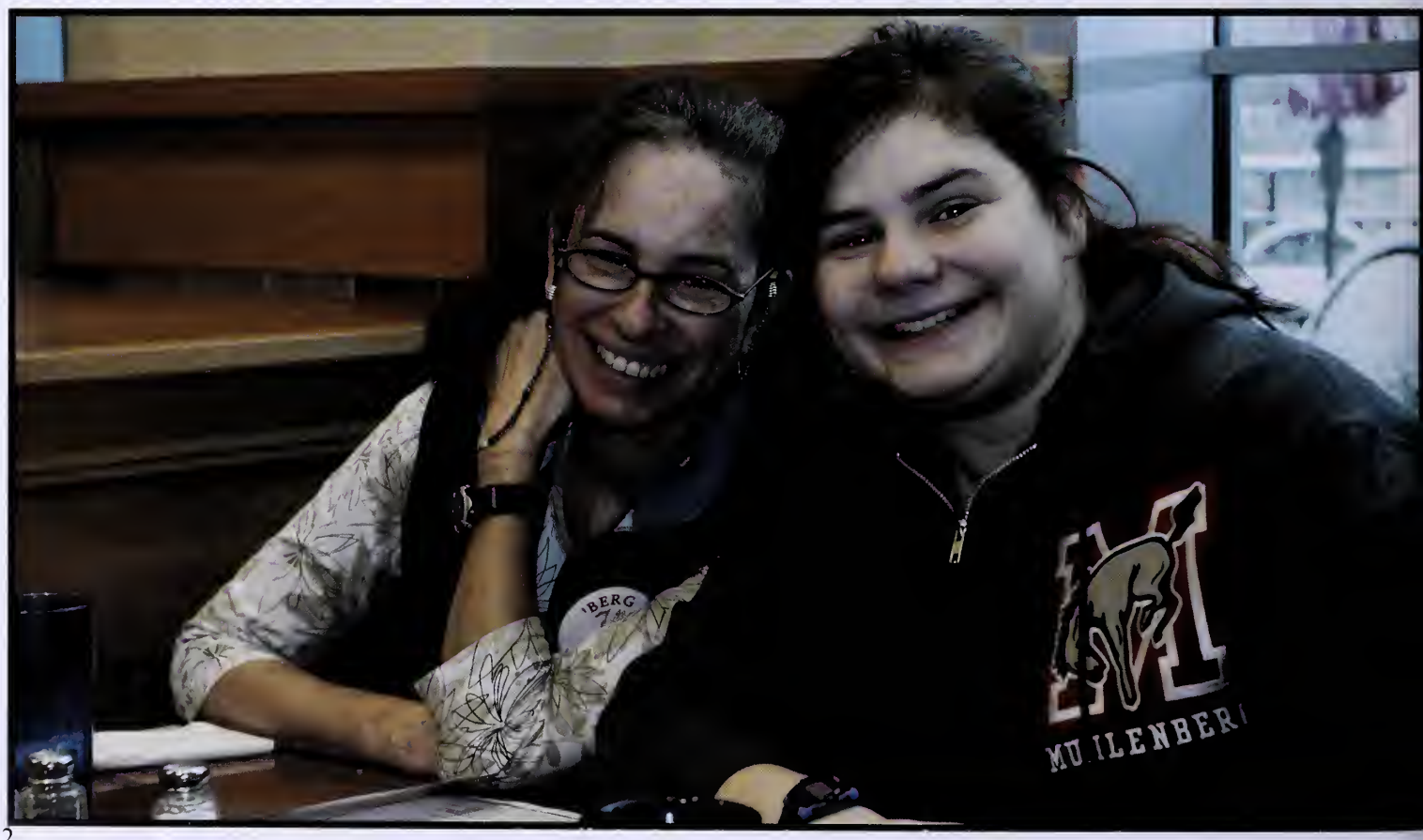
mule pride

"During my freshman year I joined Pep Band, and would soon meet two senior trumpets - Mike Fau and Matt Fash - who helped make me feel part of our little Pep Band community. Three years later I am a senior trumpet and I have underclassmen trumpets who I try to help do the same. Through Pep Band I found a niche in the Muhlenberg community where I truly belong; just like how many other people have in their respective clubs."

- Daniel Hewitt '12



A seasonally unusual Halloween blizzard dropped over a foot of snow on campus during Family Weekend, downing tree branches and leaving about 145 students in MILE and off-campus housing without power. Seegers Union was opened as a temporary shelter for students to bring sleeping bags and have access to heat and electricity. Both the men's and women's soccer games had to be postponed due to the inclement weather, but the snow could not keep the football team down - they won their game against Dickinson, 12-0.



family weekend

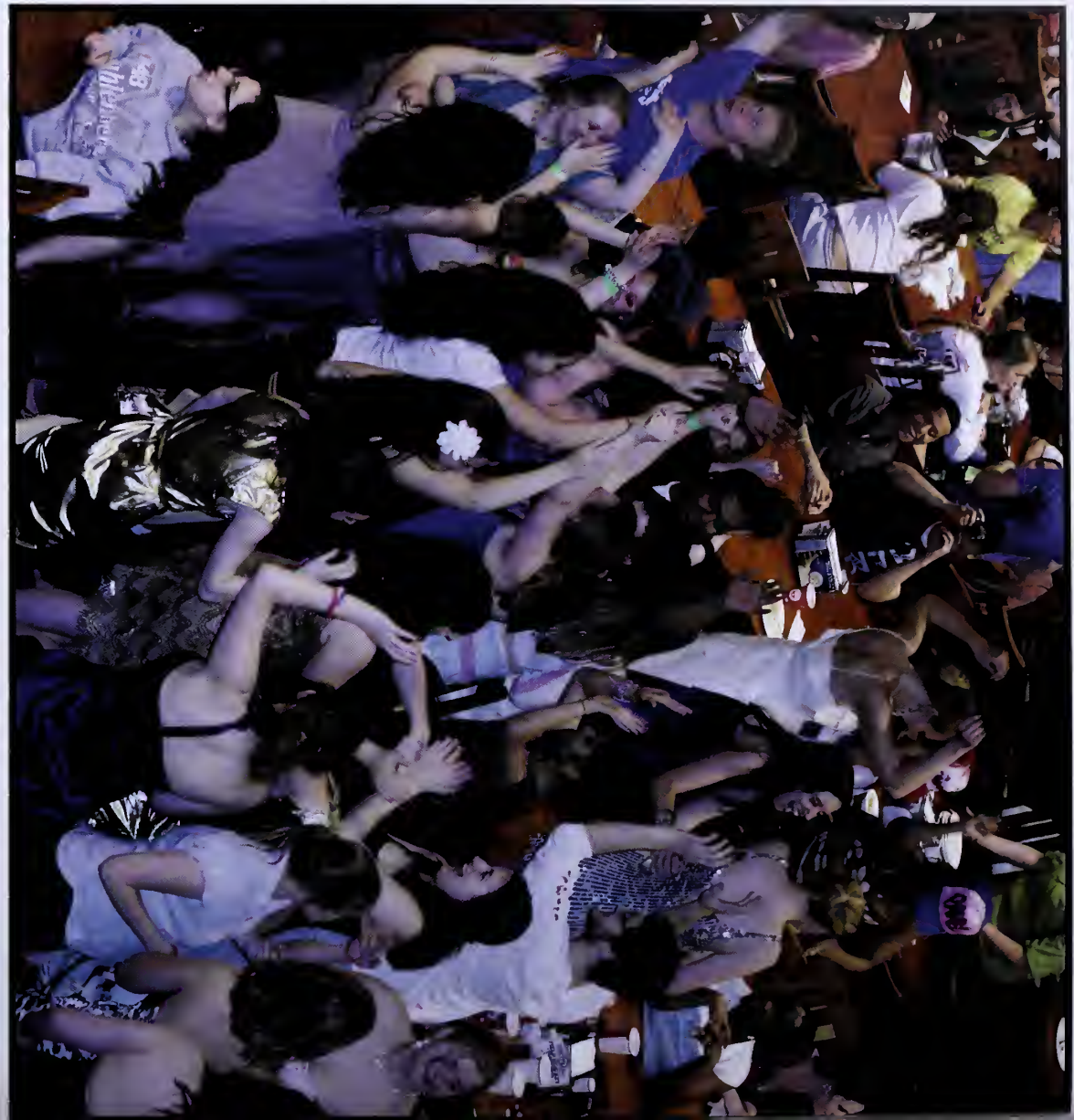
Even though fall was in the air, hints of summer lingered as the Brown Quad was transformed into a miniature carnival. Students had the opportunity to win prizes at game booths, enjoy popcorn and cotton candy, and of course take a spin on the rides. The sounds of music and squeals of delight (and a bit of fear) echoed all the way across campus. As the sun set, the quad was brightly illuminated by a plethora of spinning, flashing, multicolored lights.

west fest

east fest

After a disappointing rain-out in the spring of 2011, East Fest was back in full force this year. Bouncy rides and sidewalk chalk drew some students out of their final-weeks-of-the-semester cram sessions. The main attractions of the afternoon, however, were the creamy (yet sturdy) locks and soulful sounds of pop rock musician Ryan Cabrera. The Columbian-American artist had the crowd singing along with nostalgia to his 2004 hit single, "On the Way Down."

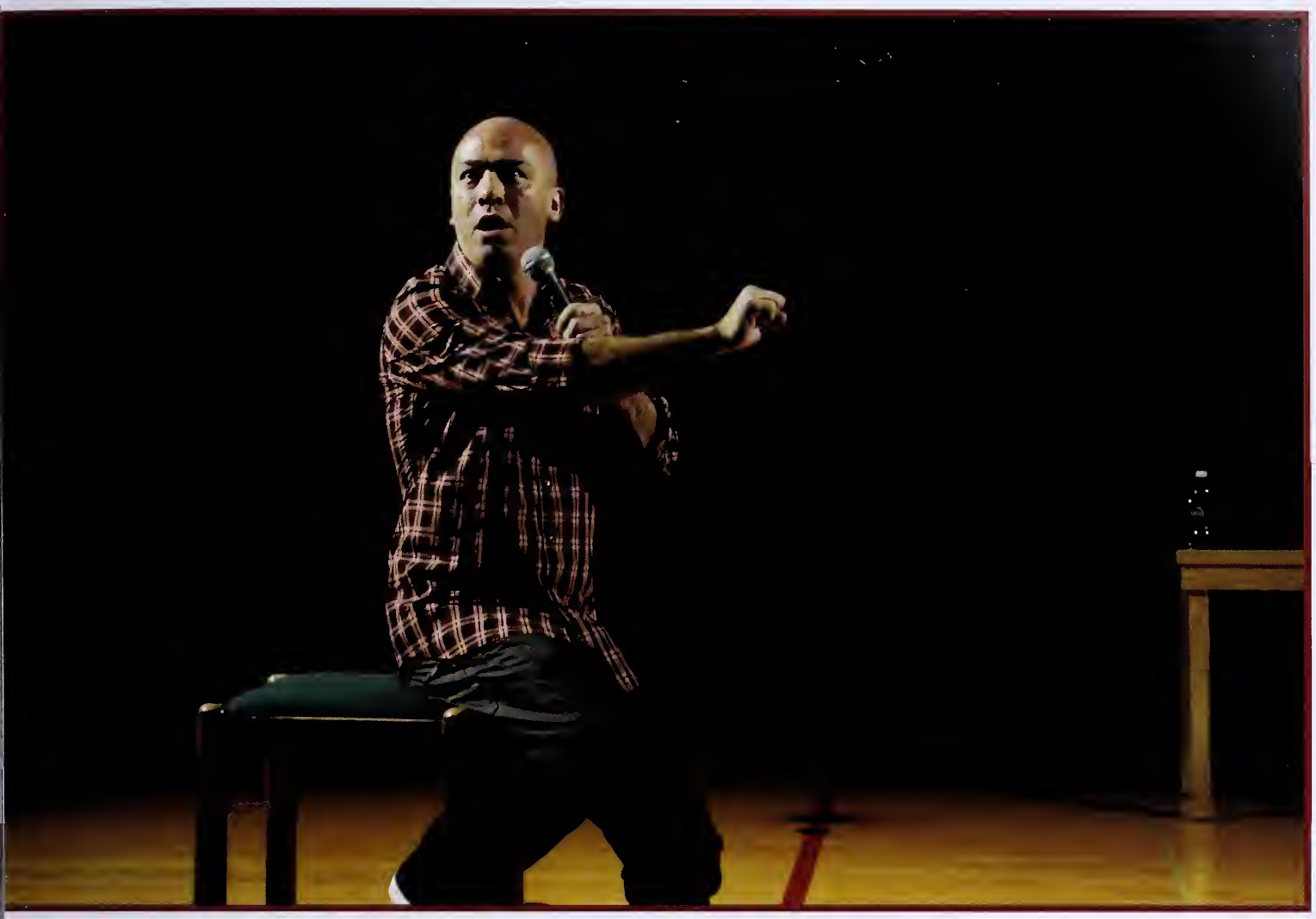
midnight breakfast



Like the changing colors of leaves signal the end of summer, Midnight Breakfast marks the conclusion of the spring semester. Students lined up in Wood Dining Commons as Muhlenberg Faculty and staff served up pancakes, eggs, pastries, and more. As the clock struck midnight, the seating area transformed into a dance floor. Re-energized by their late-night meal, students got "jiggy" with "Thriller," "The Electric Slide," and other crowd favorites.

"What would you do if a famous comedian took you onstage? What would you do if he began to set you up with a girl you did not know? And what would you do if he gave you 100 dollars to go a date with aforementioned girl? If you answered: be uncomfortable, act awkwardly, and take the money to go on a date with someone else and keep the rest for yourself, then you will understand what I did! Please forgive me."

- Colin Zelin '15

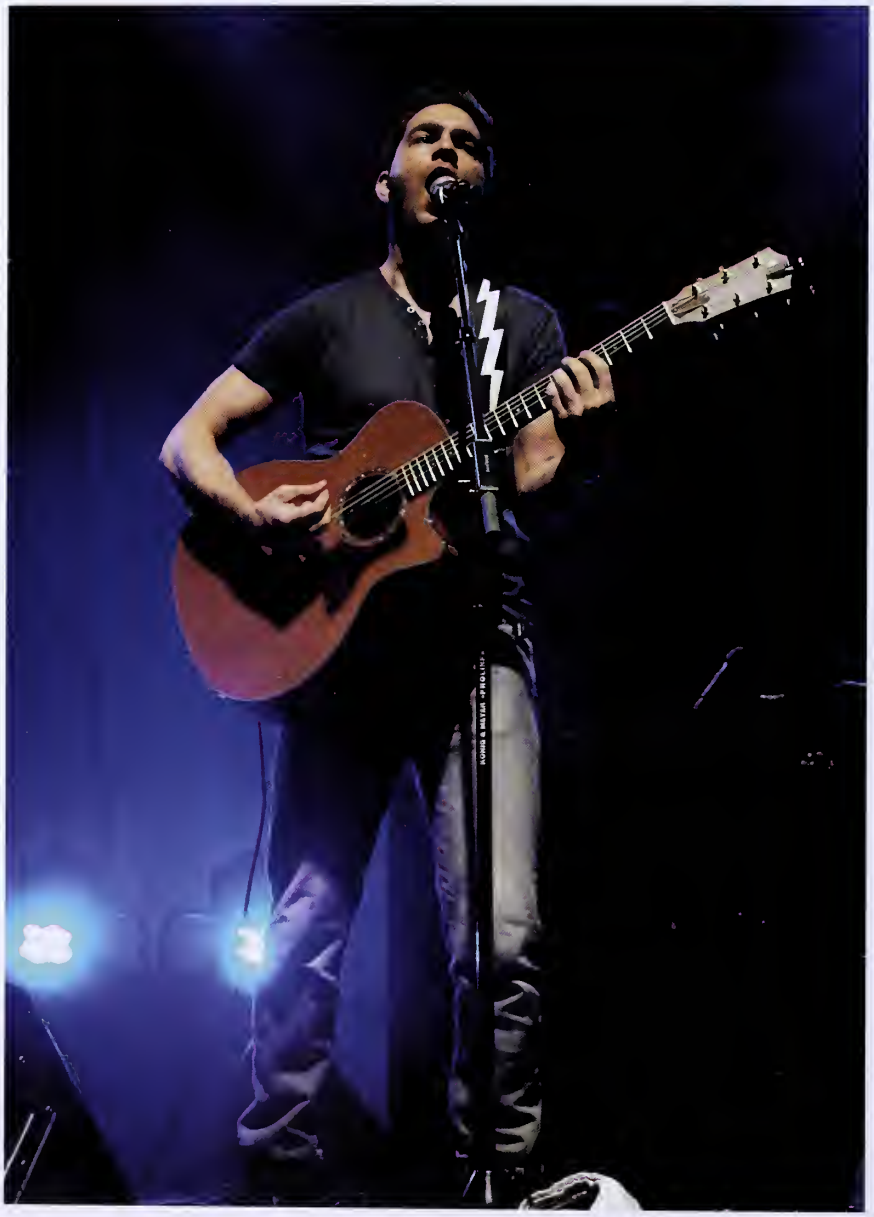


From filling clubs across the nation to being seen weekly as a regular guest on Chelsea Lately, Jo Koy has come a long way from his modest start performing at a Las Vegas coffee house. His infectiously explosive energy on stage, insightful jokes and family inspired humor cross all boundaries and led Daily Variety to name him one of the "10 Comics to Watch".

Born in Tacoma, Washington, Jo credits his mother for his comedic and acting talents. Growing up, his mother constantly encouraged him to take part in school talent shows or present impromptu performances for his family and friends. This encouragement led to the Las Vegas coffee house, then a move to Los Angeles, and finally a performance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno in 2005. He became one of a select few to ever receive a standing ovation on the show.

Since his Tonight Show performance, Jo was part of Carlos Mencia's "Punisher Tour" in 2006. He has appeared on Jimmy Kimmel Live, Last Call with Carson Daly, BET's Comic View, Jamie Foxx Presents: Laffapalooza, and appeared in various VH1 I Love the 70's, 80's and 90's episodes. He is a regular featured comedian at the world famous Improv, tours the college circuit nationwide and performs in comedy clubs both in the US and internationally. — official bio from jokoy.com

jo koy



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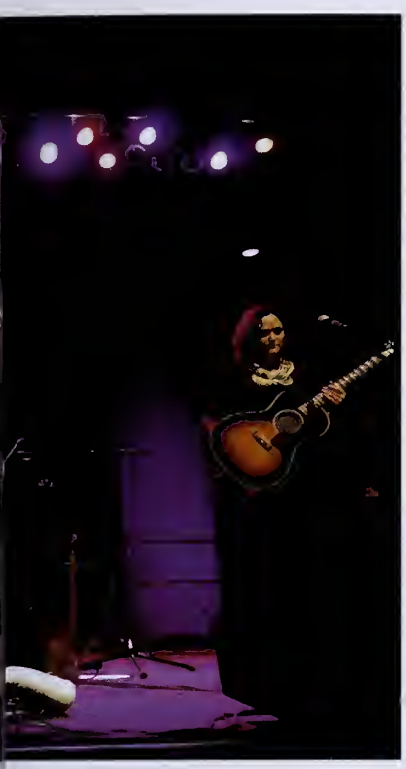
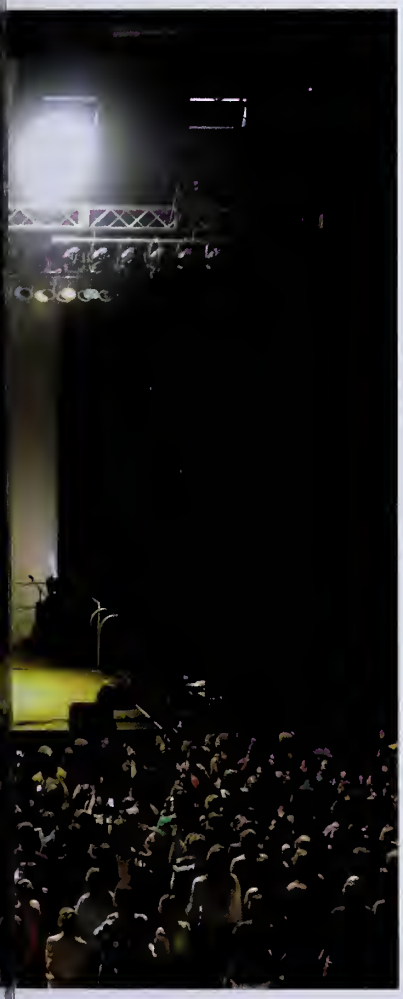


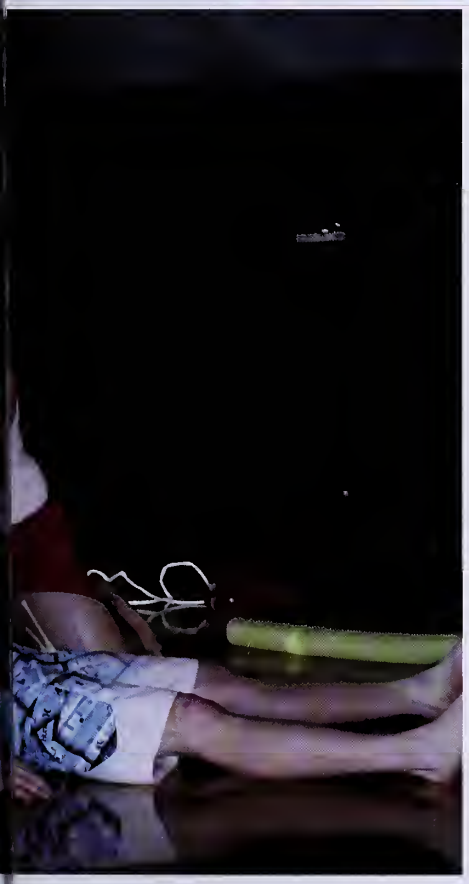
Muhlenberg students and Allentown residents alike packed Memorial Hall on Sunday, March 25 to hear indie-pop singer-songwriter Ingrid Michaelson belt out some of her most recognizable tunes. Accompanied by two backup singers and her trusty ukulele, Michaelson entertained the crowd with new material ("Ribbons", perfomed live for only the third time in the song's history) as well as some recognizable favorites. Her set included "The Way I Am" and "The Chain"; both songs have been featured on the popular TV melodrama Grey's Anatomy. Before Michaelson took to the stage, singer-songwriter Andy Grammer warmed up the crowd with some acoustic covers, original beatboxing, and a spirited rendition of Boyz II Men's "End of the Road".

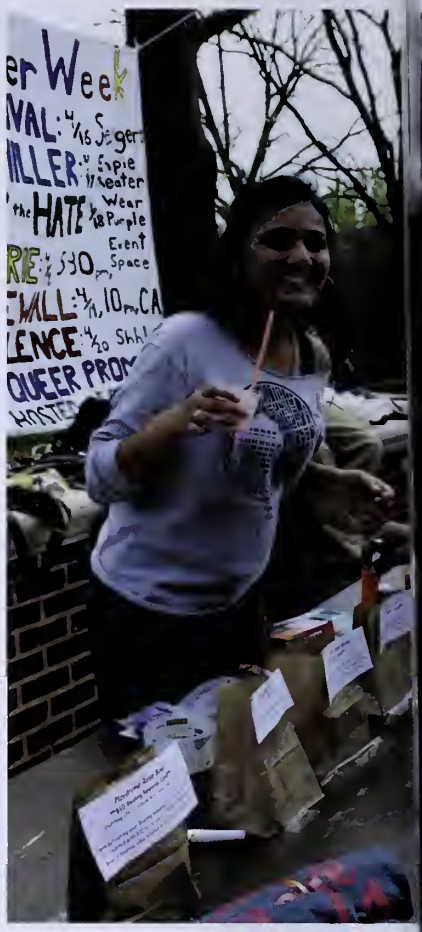


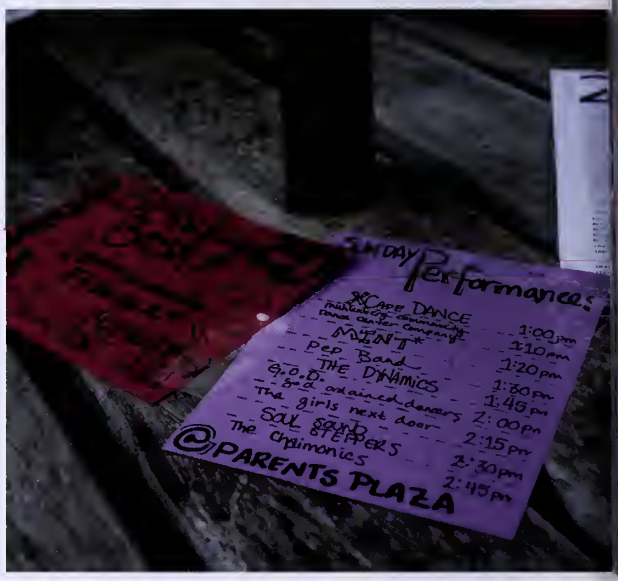
mr. muhlenberg

Robin Hood had Men in Tights; the Mr. Muhlenberg competition had men in suits, Speedos, parkas, Hawaiian shirts, and occasionally no shirts at all. Contestants made a grand entrance, strutted their stuff in swimwear, and showed off their talents for a panel of 3 faculty/staff judges. Spectators were treated to a wide variety of acts: power ballads, a big band jazz performace, and a heartwarming (and sweaty) rendition of "Sexy and I Know It." Following a display of formal wear and some tough questions from the panel, the men left their fate in the hands of the judges. After a few minutes of careful deliberation, the judges crowned senior Conor Choi as Mr. Muhlenberg 2012.

TALENT







250 years

Allentown's 250th

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hday Bash

On Sunday, April 16, children, adults, faculty, and students joined together across campus to celebrate the 250th birthday of the City of Allentown. Muhlenberg faculty and students hosted the main event on the Front Lawn to recognize Allentown and demonstrate the unity between the College and the City. Coordinated by the Office of Community Service & Civic Engagement, the bash featured carnival booths, performaces by student groups, a moon bounce, and 250 assorted cupcakes on sale to benefit the community.

Fight Back.
Remember.
Celebrate.

Registration

relay for life

From the Relay for Life Website:
"The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease... Relay starts with a Survivors Lap, an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories we've achieved over cancer."

About Muhlenberg Relay:
This year, 362 Muhlenberg students, faculty, and staff stepped up to the plate to "Strike Out Cancer" at the baseball-themed event. A total of 47 teams participated, taking laps around Scotty Wood Stadium and raising $33,829 (as of May 2012) for the American Cancer Society. In addition to teams with colorful names such as "Cuck Fancer" and "Nerd Squad," the Muhlenberg roster also included the majority of the Muhlenberg social and service fraternities/sororities and several other campus organizations. The "Top Team" of the weekend was Delta Zeta PC'10, which raised over $9,000.

jefferson field day

"Organizing Jefferson Field Day is a huge task which involves close collaboration and teamwork by the planning committee all semester long. The semester's hard work pays off when the Muhlenberg students arrive early in the morning on Performance Day, and the energy soars when the Jefferson students join! Jefferson Field Day is a great opportunity to connect more with members of our community. Sometimes I think Muhlenberg students don't think of themselves as part of the Allentown community but Jefferson Field Day highlights our interconnectedness. It is always the best day of the year!"

- Andalisa Lopez '12, JFD Planning Committee

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theatre & dance

New Voices 2011
Oct. 1 - 5, 2011
Five Short Plays Written and
Directed by Students and Alumni

New Myths
Oct. 13 - 15, 2011
One-Act Plays Written and
Directed by Young Alumni

Merrily We Roll Along
Oct. 28 - Nov. 6, 2011
Directed by James Peck
Musical Director: Ken Butler
Choreographer: Jeremy Arnold '12

Moving Stories
Nov. 17 - 19, 2011
Artistic Director: Karen Dearborn
Original Dance Works by
Student Choreographers

Curse of the Starving Class
Nov. 30 - Dec. 4, 2011
Directed by Francine Roussel

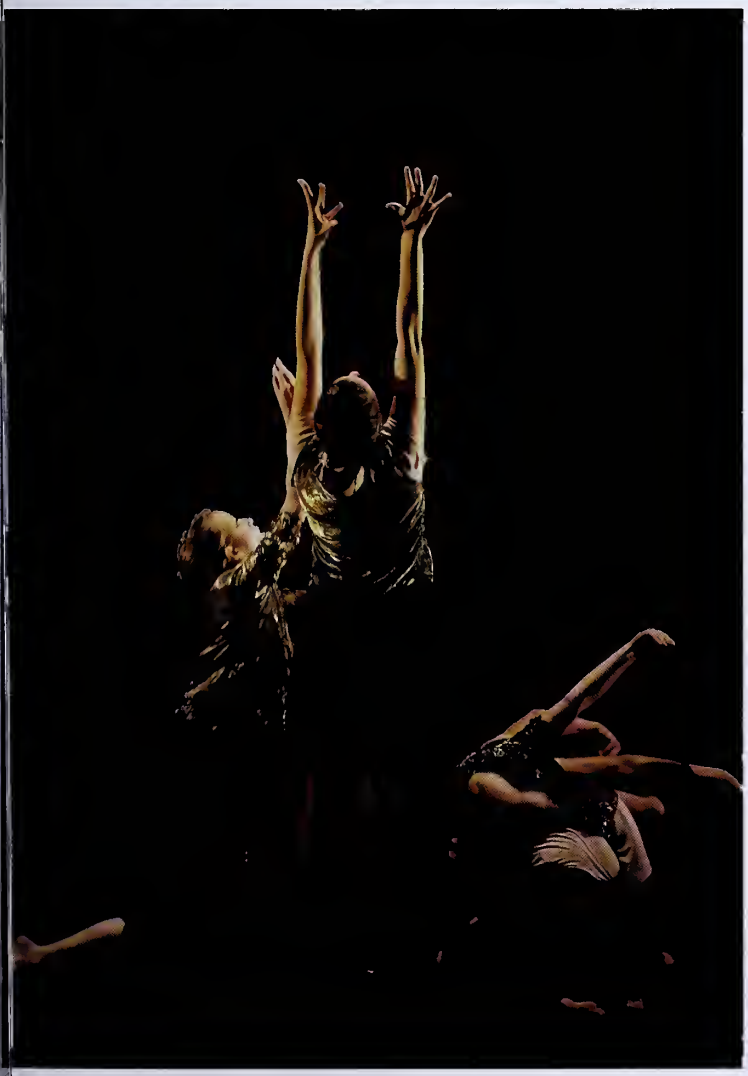
Master Choreographers
Feb. 9 - 11. 2012
Artistic Director: Karen Dearborn

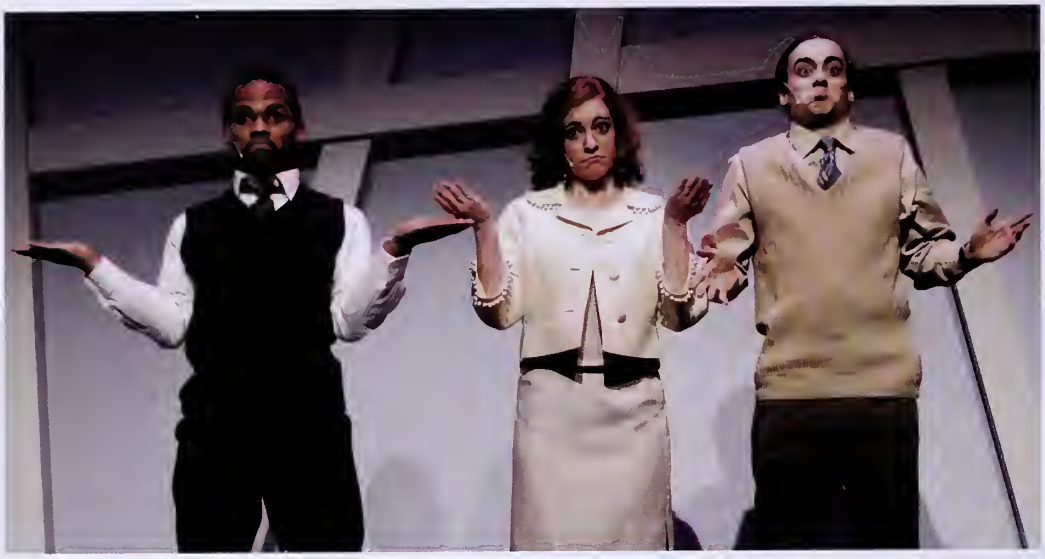
Stop Kiss
Feb. 22 - 26, 2012
Directed by Roxy Schoenfeld '12

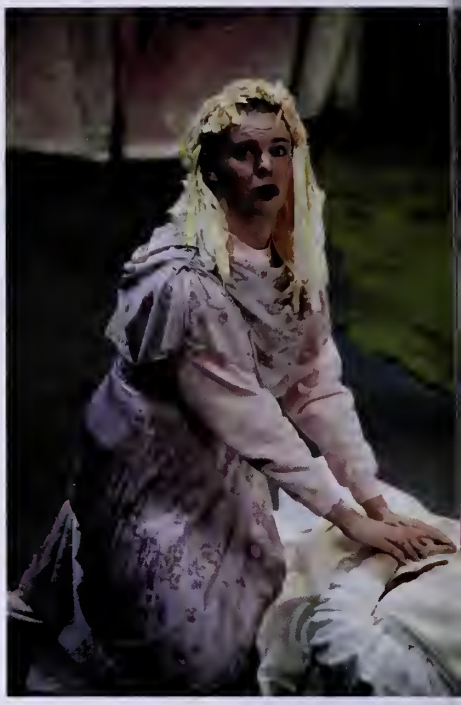
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Mar. 28 - Apr. 1, 2012
Directed by Beth Schachter

Dance Emerge
Apr. 19 - 22, 2012
Artistic Director: Teresa VanDenend Sorge
Original Dance Works by
Student Choreographers

Three Sisters
Apr. 26 - 29, 2012
Directed by Holly Cate
Choreographer: Sioned Papparotto '12







Congratulations to the Muhlenberg College Department of Theatre & Dance for ranking as the **#1 Best College Theatre Program** in The Princeton Review's annual college guide.

in memoriam

Bob Wood, long-time trustee and friend of Muhlenberg College, passed away in his home on October 29, 2012.

"Muhlenberg College has lost a great friend," said Muhlenberg College President Randy Helm. "The College has been associated with the Wood family over a period spanning eight decades."

Bob's father, Milton "Scotty" Wood, provided the first food service at Muhlenberg College in 1948. The Wood Company, now part of the Sodexo Group, has maintained the dining contract for 63 years. The College's athletic stadium, built in 1999, is named after "Scotty" Wood, and the campus restaurant, opened in August 2010, is named the "Ilene and Robert Wood Dining Commons." Bob also was the long-time chair of the College's annual men's and women's basketball tournament, the Scotty Wood Tournament.

"Virtually everywhere you turn in Allentown and beyond," said Helm, "you will find that Bob Wood was an energetic presence promoting the arts and the overall well-being of Lehigh Valley residents. He and his wonderful wife, Ilene, are an inspiring example not only to Muhlenberg's volunteer leadership, but to our students and alumni as well, of how to live a life of leadership and service."

Bob Wood

Dr. Charles Russell, associate professor of chemistry, passed away on the evening of January 26, 2012.

A 1978 graduate of Wesleyan University, Russell received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Colorado State in 1983. He taught two years at Kansas State University before arriving at Muhlenberg in 1988.

Russell received several summer faculty research grants. His recent research interest was in organometallic chemistry. Other long-term interests included p-allyl palladium chemistry and the development of enanitoselective alkylation reactions.

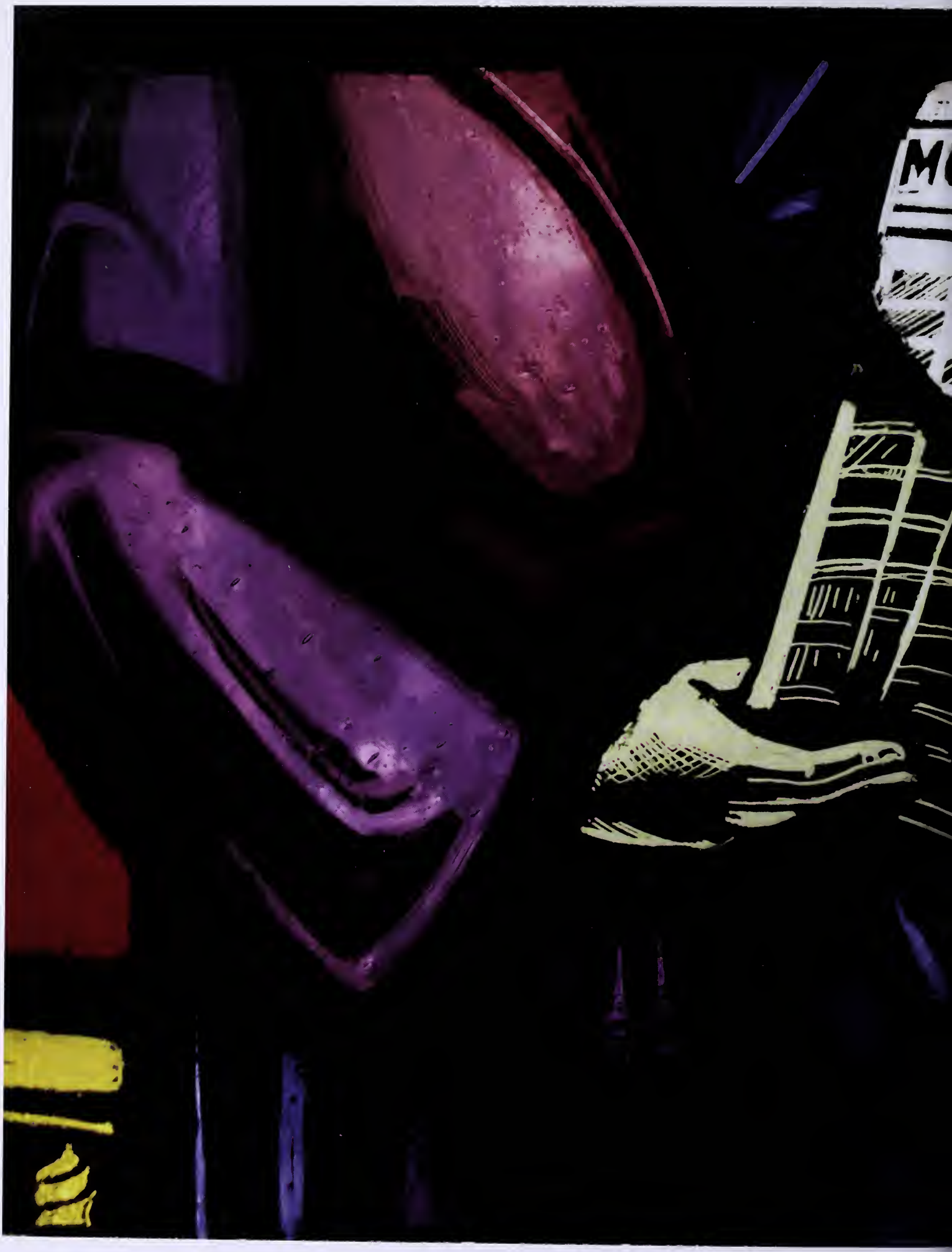
"Dr. Russell is an inspiration to us all. A man who had unending patience and a passion for being an excellent teacher. It was really and honor and a privilege to be able to take organic chemistry with him. He made that which is one of the most dreaded classes for any biology major into one of the best classes I took in college. His respect and availability for students was unmatched, and his excitement about the material was infectious. It's not often you get to say all of those things about a professor, but in the case of Dr. Russell they are all absolutely true."

- Matthew Katz,

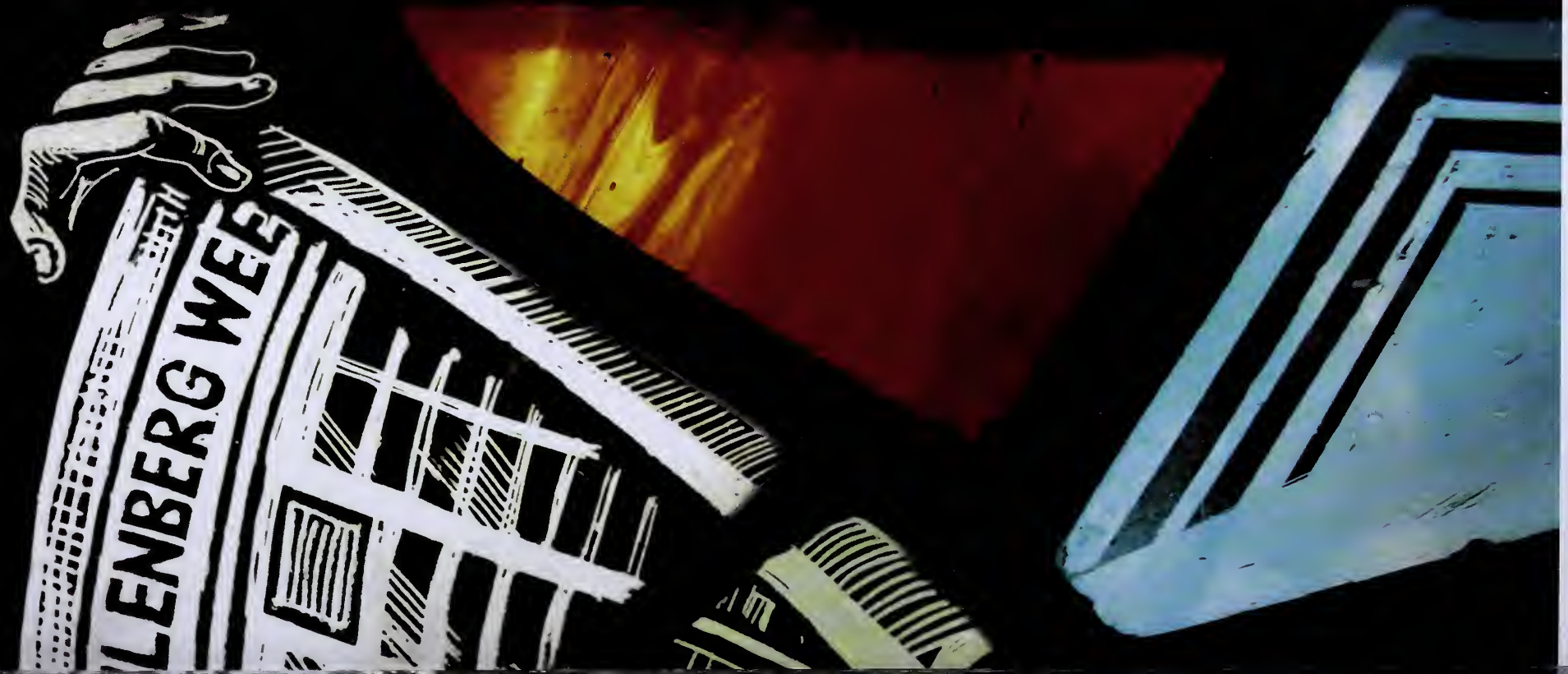
"Dr. Russell was one of the greatest professors I ever had. You could tell that he was passionate about teaching and chemistry... He always phrased things in ways which allowed us to uncover the correct answer, even if it took rephrasing of the question several times or staying late at night over the weekends. Over the course of organic chemistry, he became a friend to us, his students, and he instilled in us a passion for learning. He has taught me a lot more than what was taught in the classroom. He taught me that we should pursue what we're passionate about and do that for every single day of our life."

- Katerina Pham, '14

Dr. Charles Russell



clubs and organizations



Anime Club

Members share an interest in watching anime and enjoying the culture that has formed around it.

Challah for Hunger

Challah for Hunger (CfH) brings people together to bake and sell challah, to raise money and awareness for social justice. The Muhleberg chapter operate s weekly, baking and selling loaves of challah in creative flavors like chocolate chip, cinnamon sugar, and sprinkle. They donate 50% of their profits to the national cause, and support a local organization with the other half.

Class Council 2013

Colleges Against Cancer

CAC allows students to work through many different channels to eliminate cancer including strategic directions advocacy, cancer education programs, Relay for Life, and survivorship. Muhlenberg's chapter works alongside local offices and national leadership to support the American Cancer Society in these directions.

Dress Upon A Star

Dress Upon a Star empowers young women in the Allentown community, by allowing them to have a memorable prom experience, at no expense to them. Throughout the year, they collect dresses, shoes, and accessories from members of the local community. They take their annual Prom Fair to the young women at William Allen High School.

MCEMS

MCEMS is a student-run volunteer organization dedicated to providing professional pre-hospital care to the Muhlenberg Community. It operates 24/7 when the college is in session. All members are PA DOH Certified First Responders or EMTs. Services are provided in response to all medical emergencies arising on campus and are always free of charge.

EnAcT

The mission of the Environmental Action Team (EnAcT) is to spread environmental awareness and cultivate ecological literacy while actively taking part in the ecological betterment of the campus, local, and global communities. They offer an outlet for all students to pursue activities and intellectual explorations that fall under this general scheme. Noting the present state of environmental degradation as well as the widespread ideological misunderstanding and general apathy among people, they feel their mission is of ever-increasing importance. EnAcT sponsors many events, including Earth Day activities and organic food specials.

Habitat For Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a branch chapter of Habitat International, a nonprofit organization founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. Habitat International aids families left homeless by natural disasters, war, and civil unrest as they face dire housing situations and work to rebuild their lives.The Muhlenberg group seeks to assist with local build sites. In addition, they supplement this work by helping with other construction activities in the Allentown community.

God Ordained Dancers

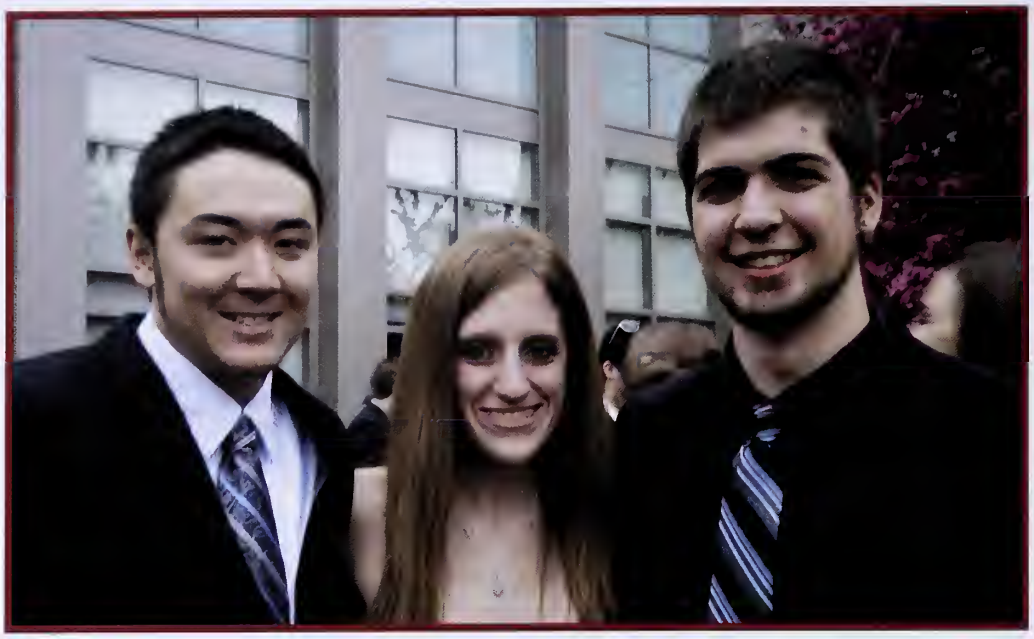
GOD (God Ordained Dancers) is a dance ministry that seeks to witness Christianity to others and praise God through movement and music. The group ministers at on-campus events during the year as well as in churches throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Knit Wits

The Muhlenberg College Knit Wits is open to all students. Advanced members work on existing projects while novice knitters learn the basics in order to complete projects. The Allentown community benefits from the Knit Wits' handcrafted knitted projects through wonderful organizations such as "Stitches of Love", which donates baby items to newborns in hospitals. As a club, they knit baby hats and booties that are distributed by Stitches of Love. They also recently completed a blanket that was donated to "Project Linus", which provides underprivileged kids with "security" blankets.

Muhlenberg Activities Council

The purpose of MAC is to provide activities for the entire student population. MAC members initiate, plan, and implement these events. Through their participation in MAC, students see first hand how they can impact social life at Muhlenberg. MAC provides an opportunity to develop leadership skills as well as to meet new people and have fun.



Ski and Snowboard Club

The Ski Club goes skiing and snowboarding almost every weekend during the winter. The club normally travels to Blue Mountain in Eastern Pennsylvania, but occasionally treks to locations further from the Lehigh Valley area.

Noteworthy

Noteworthy is a co-ed a cappella group dedicated to performing songs from Broadway shows and movie musicals. It is the purpose of Noteworthy to give Muhlenberg College students another outlet for musical expression through an a cappella setting. They rehearse throughout the week and end the semester with a large final concert of their repertoire.

The Chaimonics

The Chaimonics is a co-ed a cappella group made up of students who enjoy singing a wide variety of music- from classic rock to pop and even in Hebrew. In addition to performing on and off campus, you may find them singing at any of Hillel's special events. Some of their most recognizable songs include "Salaam" and Weird Al Yankovic's "Pretty Fly for a Rabbi."

Pep Band

The Muhlenberg College Pep Band welcomes instrumentalists of all experience levels for exhilarating sports games, fun and productive Monday night rehearsals, and delicious pre-game pancake rally breakfasts. The Pep Band draws upon a diverse repertoire consisting of classic rock and pop anthems as well as the occasional cinematic soundtrack.

Gaming Society

The Gaming Society is a group of gamers organized to find and play tabletop roleplaying games. Their lineup includes Dungeons and Dragons, Exalted, Paranoia, and some games of members' own creation.

Muses

As the premier art and literary magazine of Muhlenberg College, Muses annually publishes the artwork, prose, and poetry of the College's students. Each spring, the campus community can obtain the publication and review their fellow students' work from the past year. Muses strives to delver quality work each year in a presentable format.

MINT*

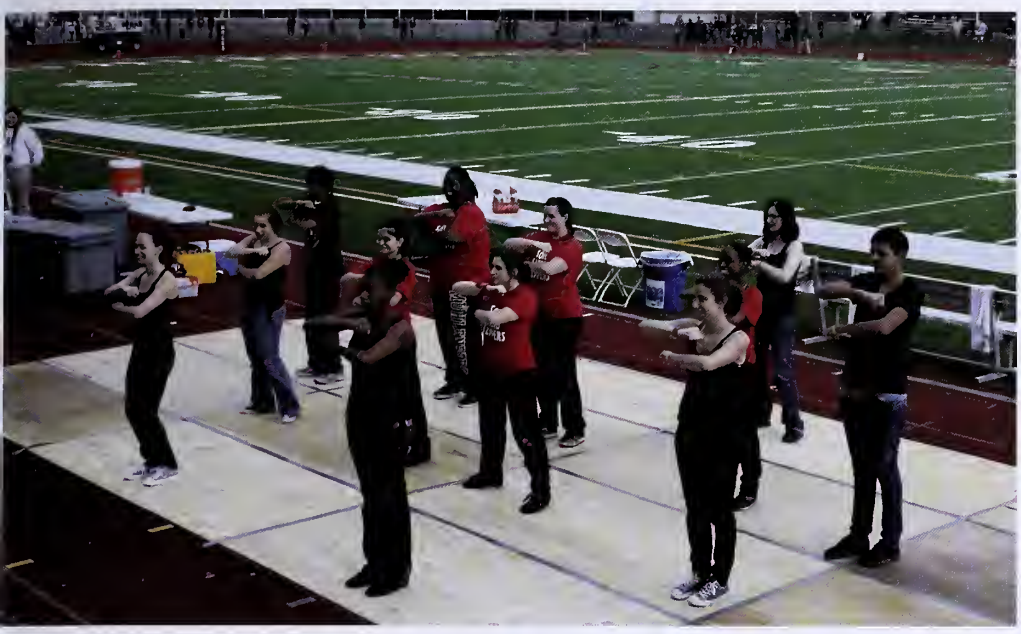
Mint* is a hip-hop style dance team. The club does not require any previous dance training in order to participate, but does hold auditions for performances. The team performs at multiple campus events, including Homecoming Weekend and the Mr. Muhlenberg competition.

MTA

The MTA enriches the campus with theatrical performance by providing opportunities to create, participate in, and attend a variety of engaging performances. In conjunction with the Department of Theater and Dance, the MTA produces 6 Mainstage Production & an average of 20 Student-Run Productions each year. In addition, the MTA plans and sponsors many social events, community outreach programs and educational opportunites for its members and the campus community.

Omicron Delta Kappa

OΔK, the National Leadership Honor Society, gives recognition and honor for meritorious leadership and service in extracurricular activities. The Muhlenberg chapter hosted the First Annual Muhlenberg Leadership Excellence (MuLE) Awards Ceremony in the spring, to recognize outstanding leaders in the campus community.



Soul Sound Steppers

The Soul Sound Steppers, a non-technique based dance group, engages in a new form of dance that has origins in Africa. They are also influenced by more contemporary dance styles such as hip-hop and jazz. They use their bodies to create rhythm and movement patterns, adding diversity to the Muhlenberg community.

Girls Next Door

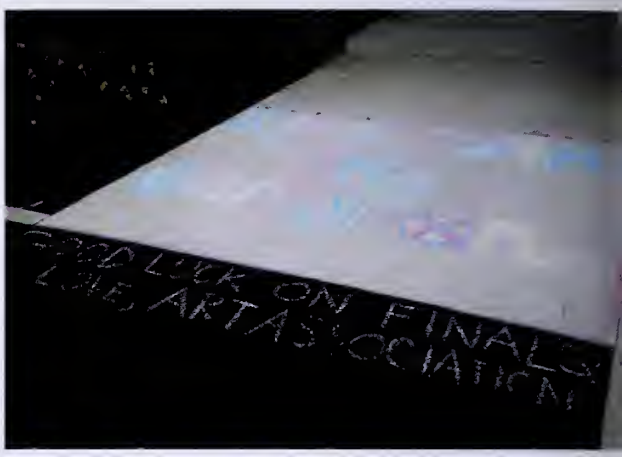
The Girls Next Door is an all female a cappella group at Muhlenberg, founded in 1999. They arrange and sing all types of music and love to do it. Their set list has included Christina Aguilera's "Come On Over" and Carrie Underwood's "Before He Cheats." The group serves the community and the school by performing at various events, in addition to their own concerts.

Copasetic Rhythms

Founded in the Fall of 2011, this student-run tap group has performed at multiple campus events, including Relay for Life and the Mr. Muhlenberg competition.

Art Association

The purpose of the Art Association of Muhlenberg College is the promotion and development of the fine arts on the Muhlenberg College campus, and to bring about activities, events, art studios, etc. that will be of interest to Muhlenberg students.



The Muhlenberg Weekly

The Muhlenberg Weekly has been the premier information source for the Muhlenberg College Community since 1883. The Weekly is a student operated newspaper which focuses on campus, community, and national news, sports, and arts information, as well as editorials and commentaries.

Student Government

The Muhlenberg Ciarla Yearbook

See this awesome book that you are holding? We made it.

Organizations Not Pictured

Acafellas
Active Minds at Muhlenberg College
Adopt-a-Grandparent
Asian Student Association / International Student Association
Bake a Difference
Best Buddies
Biology Club
Black Students Association
BOOM (Berg Organization of Music)
Business and Economics Club
Campus Watch
Cardinal Key Society
Chemistry and Biochemistry Club
College Democrats
College Republicans
Computer Science Club
Comunidad Latina
Dynamics
Education Society
Feminist Collective
Fencing Club
German Club
GIRLS
History Club
InAcchord
Invisible Children Club
John Marshall Pre-Law Society
Le Cercle Français
Live in Color - Show Choir
Lutheran Student Movement
Magic: The Gathering Club
Math Club
Muhlenberg Accounting Society
Muhlenberg Broadcast Community
Muhlenberg College Communication
Muhlenberg International Relations Council (MIRC)
Mules United for Israel (MUFI)
The Perkulators
Philosophy Club
Photography Club
Physics Club
Pre-Health Association
Psychology Club
Rejoice
Restoring and Rebuilding New Orleans
Russian Club
SHARE - Students Have a Real Effect
Sign Language Club
Social Justice Collaborative
Spanish Club
SQuAd
Starcrossed Students
Student Athlete Mentors (S.A.M.)
Students In Newman (SIN)
Synapse
The Avengers
Ultimate Frisbee Club
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greek life

Phi Kappa Tau

This year, Phi Kappa Tau welcomed 16 new members into the brotherhood. In addition, we were recognized by the National Phi Kappa Tau headquarters for being considered as a Maxwell Finalist which awards the most excellent chapter of the fraternity nationwide. We were lucky to have the opportunity to renovate parts of our chapter house, especially the furniture and equipment. We particpated in many philanthropy events and raised over $3,000 for the Serious Fun Children's Network. On a side note, we would like to congratulate Mike Schlossberg, a Muhlenberg PKT alum, who is running for PA State Representative. We are excited to be the Greek Week champions for the second year in a row, and are looking forward to a great year in the fall

Sigma Phi Epsilon

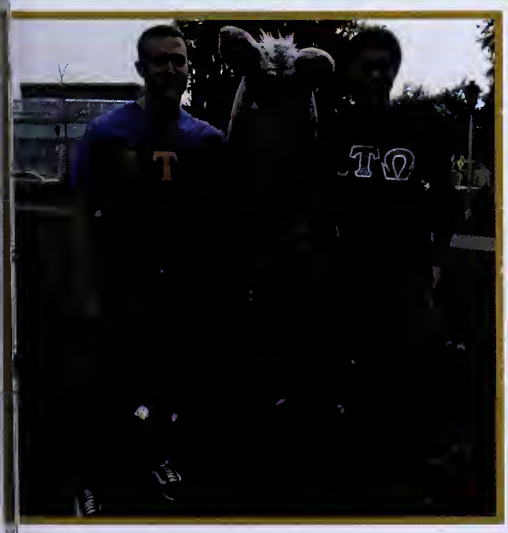
he brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon had an exciting year with a number of great events and rograms leading to a successful completion of the Annual Review. We welcomed 11 new rothers into our chapter this past fall, all of whom are smart and talented men who are proud to ave earned our letters. We worked with many other Greek organizations for philanthropic vents, such as our annual project at the Camphill Special School with Delta Zeta, and a Jail and ail fundraiser with Phi Sigma Sigma, benefitting the Lehigh Valley Children's Center. Our vice-annual Miller Keystone blood drives were successful, as well. For Greek Week, we paired ith Phi Sig, and had a blast with them and the entire Greek community throughout the entire eek. We are excited for the upcoming year, especially to celebrate our 75th anniversary at uhlenberg and will greatly miss our 12 graduating seniors.

Delta Tau Delta

It has been a productive and busy semester for Theta Chi. For the first time in our chapter's history, we were honored with the distinction of performing the Sacred Ritual at the Eastern Divisional Conference. This was an extremely rewarding experience, as we were congratulated by both Division President Anthony Albanese and Division Vice President of Ritual Nick Ferlini for executing one of the cleanest, most theatrical rituals in recent memory. Also at the conference, Theta Chi graciously received the coveted award for "Outstanding Community Service." It was well earned: throughout the year, brothers read to children, tossed water balloons at our hometown of Allentown's birthday party, played baseball with handicapped children, and cleaned up trash at a nearby hiking trail. While much of our energy was focused on helping others in the greater community, we somehow found the time to tighten the bonds of this incredible, diverse family during brotherhood events such as our formal, intramural sports victories, and Purple vs. Gold, a lively two-team competition within the fraternity. The semester came to a close with our traditional Pig Roast, a barbeque with games and live music that drew much of Muhlenberg's student body to the backyard of our beloved Shelter.

Alpha Tau Omega

Alpha Tau Omega had a great year, filled with many fundraisers and philanthropies. In the fall, we held the "Toss A Ball for Testicular Cancer" dance to benefit testicular cancer. All of the proceeds benefitted Livestrong. In addition, we also helped create a haunted house for the children of Allentown on 7th Street and cleaned up Rose Park. We created three dog houses for Habitat for Humanity this spring, and helped Allentown celebrate its 250th Birthday with a balloon dart station. Our favorite event of the year was our "Pie A Bro" fundraiser, in which students could pie brothers of ATO. This was a very successful fundraiser. We are excited for the upcoming year and many more successful philanthropic events!



Phi Mu

The sisters of Phi Mu had another successful year in terms of service, membership, and campus involvement. The fall semester began with a successful formal recruitment, adding 23 intelligent, friendly, and well-rounded sisters to our growing ranks on campus. Involvement on campus continued into the spring semester, with Phi Mu holding nearly a 100% involvement rate in other organizations. Many sisters have been inducted into honor societies such as Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Sigma Iota, and Delta Phi Alpha. Contributions to our philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, abounded through events such as Dining to Donate, the Fall Kick-Off for CMNH, and the Wheel of Miracles, in which we fundraised for our cause. Our annual Founders' Day celebration was held at the end of February in which we honored 20 years on Muhlenberg's campus and reconnected with alumnae. On a campus-wide note, senior Rachel Jakubowitcz was crowned Muhlenberg's Homecoming Queen in the fall of 2011. Rachel went on to serve as the Senior Class Speaker during the Commencement Exercises this May. Phi Mu looks forward to working with other Greek organizations in future years and further contributing to Muhlenberg's positive campus image.

Phi Sigma Sigma

This past fall, Phi Sigma Sigma welcomed 23 wonderful young women into our sisterhood, all of whom are very involved on campus with philanthopy and leadership roles in other organizations. Phi Sig has had a very successful year, raising over $5,000 for the National Kidney Foundation and $500 for the Lehigh Valley Children's Center. During Greek Week, Phi Sig was paired with Sigma Phi Epsilon, and had a blast throughout the week. Though we are said to say goodbye to our incredible seniors, we wish them luck in the future, and are excited for what the fall will bring!

This past fall, Delta Zeta proudly welcomed 25 amazing new girls into our sisterhood. We had our first annual Family Tailgate and Family Brunch. We raised over $9,000 for Relay for Life in honor of Randy Siegel, father of Sarah Siegel '13. We also won 17 awards at Delta Zeta Region II Day, including first place for our campus-wide "You Can Never Be TuTu Aware" program. In addition, we held two very successful fundraisers, "Be a Sucker for DZ" and "DZ Runs on Dunkin." We won Greek Week and LipSync with our partners, Phi Kappa Tau. We are sad to see our 24 senior sisters graduate, as they will be greatly missed, but we look forward to the fall!

Delta Zeta

Alpha Chi Omega had a great year, full of philanthropy and fun. Our Joe D'Addio softball tournament benefitting the New Jersey Sharing Network was very successful. In addition, we raised over $1500 for the Turning Point, which raises awareness of domestic violence, during our Fashion Show, this past spring. We also had many fun sisterhood bonding events. We were paired with Alpha Tau Omega for Greek Week, and despite coming in second place, we still had a blast! We look forward to the fall and another year of fun!

Alpha Chi Omega

Theta Nu Xi

The mission of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. is to promote leadership, multiculturalism, and self-improvement through academic excellence, involvement in and service to the campus and community, as well as being living examples of sisterhood across different races, cultures, religions, backgrounds, and lifestyles. This past year, the Rho Chapter at Muhlenberg has continued to develop a relationship with Community Bike Works, a non-profit in Allentown, and raised over $500 for our national philanthropy Girls For a Change. The chapter also gained its charter and received the Founders' Heart award at our Regional Conference. The women of Theta Nu Xi hope to continue to be a strong presence at Muhlenberg.

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service fraternities

"Being a part of Alpha Phi Omega has become a huge part of who I am. It has taught me how to be a Leader, become a better Friend and always want to Serve others. This, I believe, can be said for every person who has dedicated themselves to the brotherhood. Let's go APhiO, Xi Alpha!"

-Josh Rodriguez '12

Alpha Phi Omega

Kappa Kappa Psi

"Choosing to join Kappa Kappa Psi was one of the best decisions I made during my college career. Originally, I just wanted a venue through which I could find fun, music-related service opportunities. I had no idea that I would also be finding a second family. I'm so proud of how far this organization has come since its installation three years ago. I don't think anyone ever thought we'd be this successful. AEA."

- Deborah Ward '12

sports

baseball

Senior Roster

Name	Number	Position
Brian Beck	8	1B
Nick Busillo	41	OF
Mike Speroni	17	P

"Our season had its ups and downs and we didn't accomplish all our goals. But it was one of the more successful seasons in our history. All in all it was a fun season."

- Nick Busillo '12

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"During my four years playing basketball at Muhlenberg, we were very successful but even better than that, I have made lifelong friends. Thank you for giving me four amazing years!"

- Kathleen Naddaff '12

enior Roster

Name	Number	Position
Alexandra Chili	12	G
Kimbery Mui	23	G
Kathleen Naddaff	14	G
Katy Rossino	13	G

women's basketball

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"When I look back at my time on the basketball team at Muhlenberg, I won't remember all the wins and loses but rather all the lasting friendships and great memories."

-Spencer Liddic '12

Name	Number	Position
Spencer Liddic	34	F
Max Saidman		Asst. Coach

men's basketball

cheerleading

Senior Roster

Leigh Boorstein
Mary McCoy
Danielle Reidenberg
Allison Giordano

"Cheerleading... it's really all about the team dinner."

- Ally Giordano.'12

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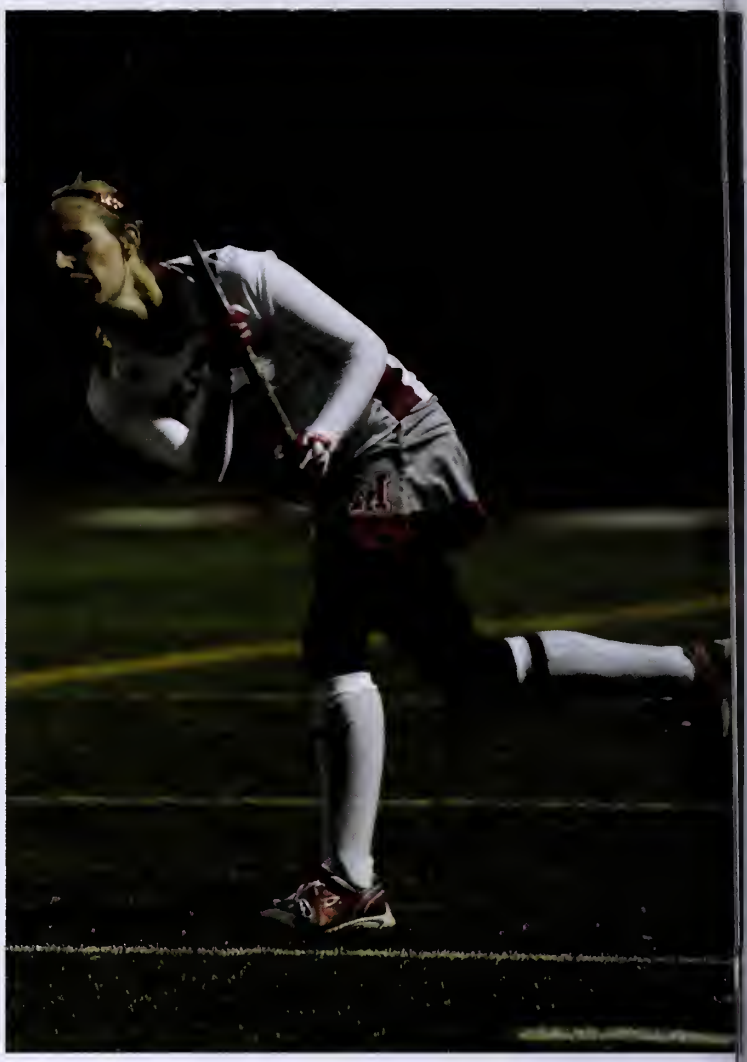
"Cross country was a soothing break from my academics it was truly a joy to be a part of a team and to work towards a common goal which was competing to our best ability always."

- Ashley Greenberg '12

enior Roster

Andrew Henry
William Lowrey
Eric Strouse
Ashley Greenberg
Melissa Ugelow
Kimberlee Yalango

cross country



Senior Roster

Name	Number
Brittany DeAngelis	10
Courtney DeAngelis	15
Jillian Katz	2
Renee Norton	17
Shelby Smith	25

"Field hockey has been my passion for the last ten years, and I was incredibly lucky to not only have met my best friends on the team, but to have been able to play with my two sisters."

- Brittany DeAngelis, '12

"It has been an honor to wear the Muhlenberg uniform with a group of girls that have become my family over the last four years."

- Jillian Katz, '12

field hockey

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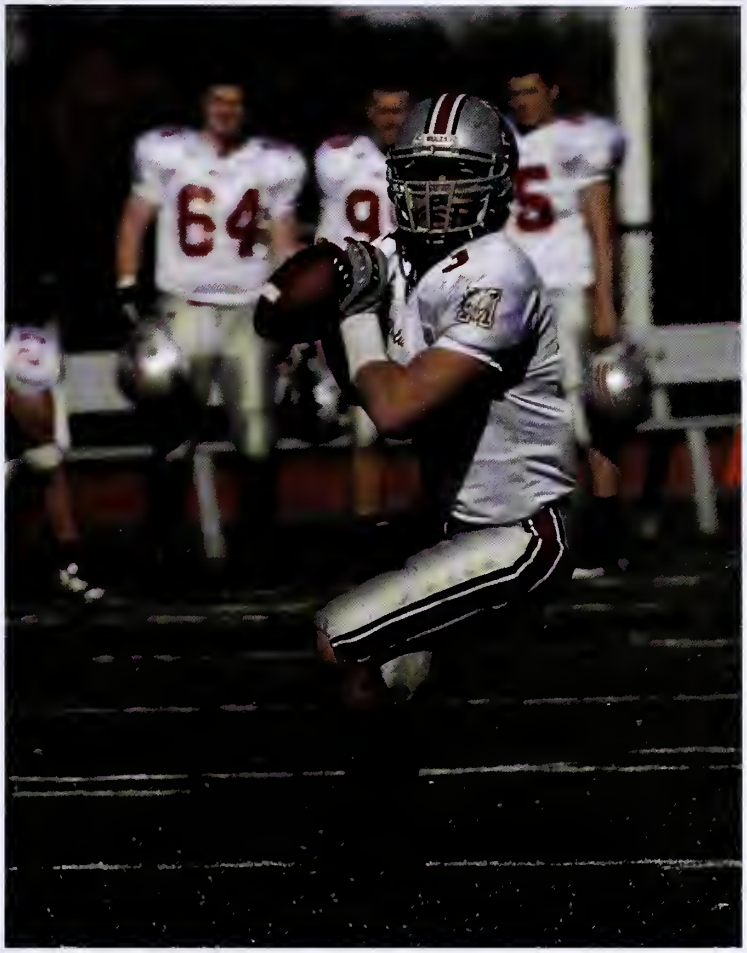
football

"Playing football for Muhlenberg was one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had."

-Kevin Ryan '12

enior Roster

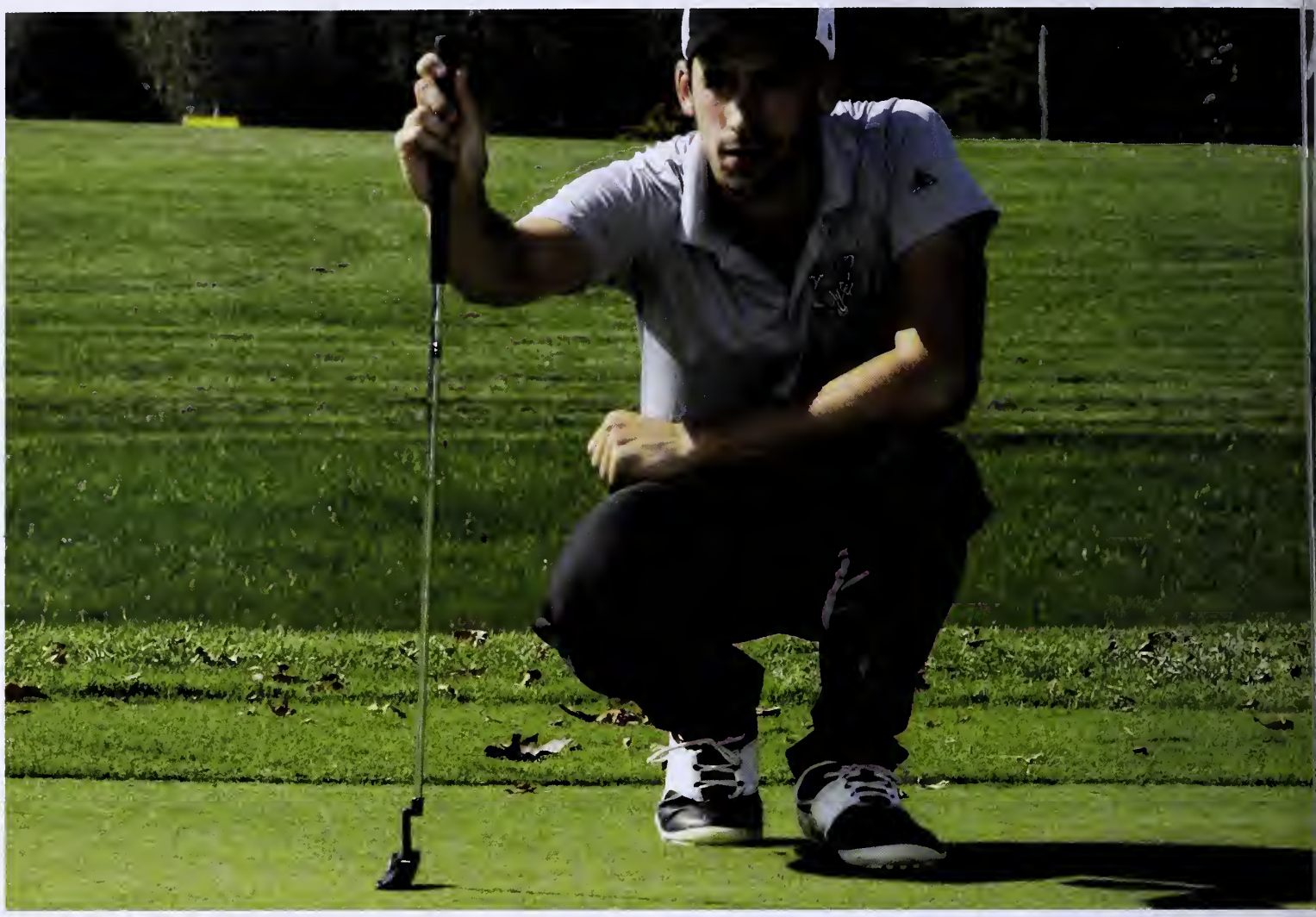
Name	Number	Position
Kenneth Cobb	48	DE
Mike Fiorillo	28	LB
Chris Hartzell	10	CB
Jess Long	7	WR
Patrick McDonough	11	LB
Gregg Mercogliano	93	K
Mark Mounayar	77	DT
Sean Mulligan	84	TE
Phil Musick	76	OT
Justin Myers	5	QB
Chase Nadell	32	CB
Steve Nissley	22	CB
Michael Porembski	53	C
Kevin Ryan	6	S
Victor Taiwo	9	DE



"It was really nice having a full team this year, with girls who were determined, competitive, and well spirited. Being a student athlete has been such a great experience, and I am fortunate to have been a part of the varsity women's golf team."

- Amanda Heiberger '12

women's golf



men's golf

"Golf was such a large and wonderful part of my life at Muhlenberg."

- Zack Meyers '12

Senior Roster

Matthew Cohen
Jon Heppen
Zack Meyers

women's lacrosse

Senior Roster

Name	Number	Position
Kelsey Elmer	15	A
Maggie Hare	21	D
Sarah Hetrick	25	M
Angela Napoletano	4	M
Becky Ritter	10	D

"Playing a sport at Muhlenberg has changed me in so many ways, but overall it has helped shape who I have become as a person. The team is my family and rock here at Muhlenberg and I wouldn't have made it through four years of college without those girls."

- Sarah Hetrick '12

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Senior Roster

Name	Number	Position
Alex Ardolino	7	M
Corey Aferiat	11	A
Andrew Disdier	45	M
Jonathan Fritog	31	D
Charlie Pianko	24	M
Nick Rispoli	28	M
Jay Salasko	38	D

"While we didn't ultimately accomplish our goal of making a serious run in the playoffs, I will always value being part of some of our programs biggest wins."

-Corey Aferiate '12

men's lacrosse

women's soccer

Senior Roste

Name	Number	Position
Nicolette Miller	10	F
Meghan O'Grady	13	M/F
Michele Toher	0	G
Jamie Weiss	6	M
Rachel Zarkin	17	B/M

"Being a part of the women's soccer team during my time at Muhlenberg really shaped my four years. Making it to the NCAA tournament, beating Hopkins on their home turf, and helping to lead the team during my senior are a few of the many highlights. Most importantly though, I could not have asked for better teammates throughout the years; their support and friendship are more than I ever imagined gaining from my collegiate soccer experience."

- Meghan O'Grady '12

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"Not only did playing for Muhlenberg provide me with great memories through four years but also provided me with great friends for life."

- Steve Giannacio '12

men's soccer

Senior Roster

Name	Number	Position
Connor Choi	30	B/M
Steve Giannacio	10	M
Tim Leischner	2	M
Josh Luginbuhl	14	M

"Soccer at Muhlenberg was an unbelievable experience. And although my time playing has now ended, the memories and friends I have made throughout my four years will last me a lifetime."

-Josh Luginbuhl '12

"I believe that playing for Muhlenberg Softball for the last four years has truly been a gift. Even more than winning two Centennial Conference Championships, it will be the friendships that I will mostly take away from being part of this team. I will forever be part of the Muhlenberg Softball family."

-Shelby Smith '12

softball

Senior Roster

Name	Number	Position
Brittany Blohm	20	C
Shelby Smith	14	UT

"Having never played tennis competitively before, trying out and making the tennis team as a junior, showed me that practice and hardwork pays off. As a member of the team, I continued to practice not only my tennis skills, but my time management and leadership skills as well; both qualities that help both on and off the court."

- Lauren Wink '12

Senior Roster

Emily Robbins
Lauren Wink

women's tennis

"Playing tennis at Muhlenberg was definitely the highlight of my four years. The tennis boys are like my family, and we always had a blast at practice, matches, and team dinners. I'll greatly miss my teammates, coach, and the sport itself."

-Jordan Rutt, '12

men's tennis

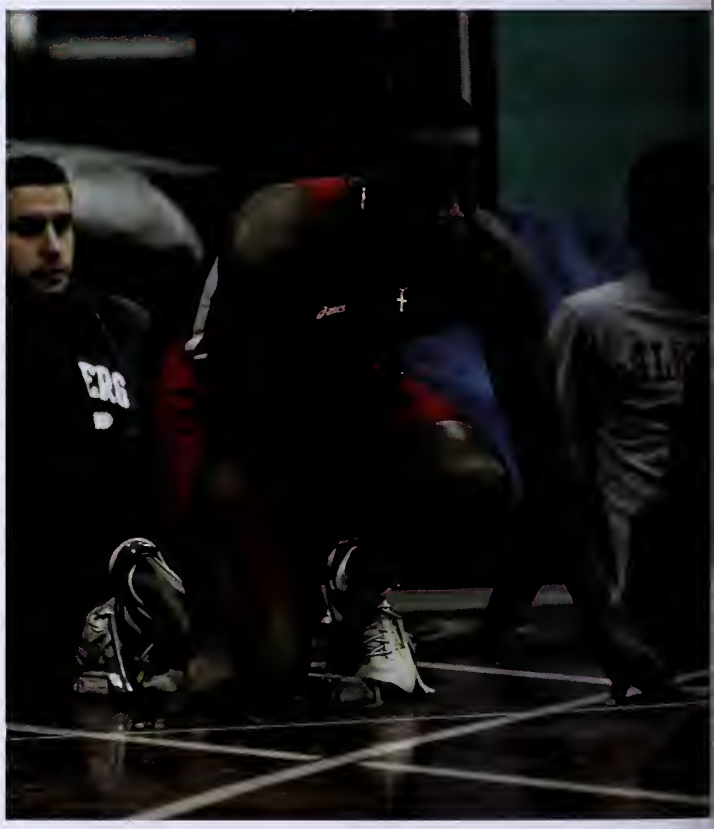
Senior Roster

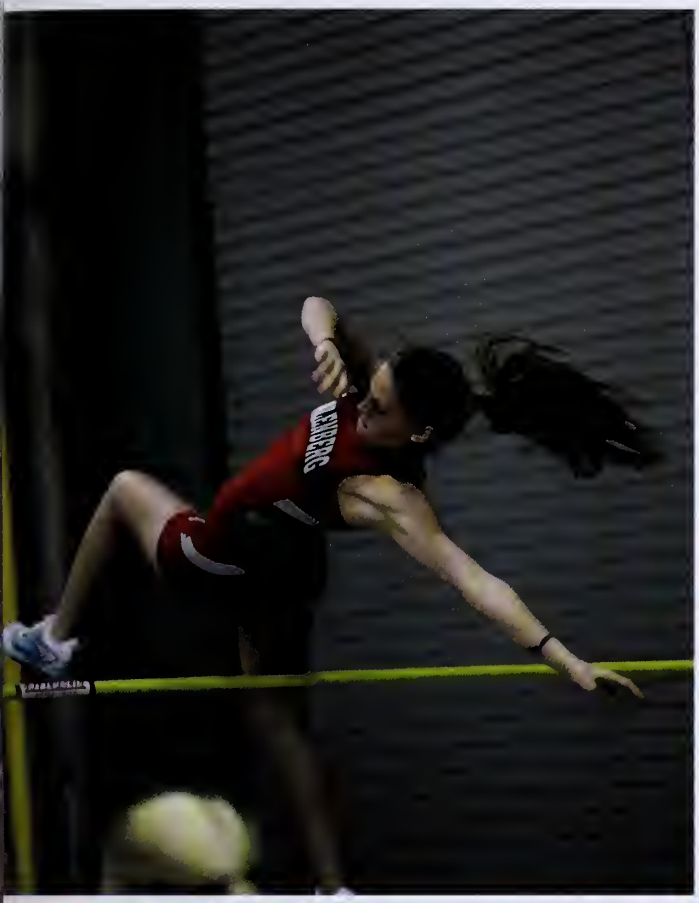
Andrew Brod
Robert Buesser
Jason Richman
Jordan Rutt

"Let's do laps. Do better."
- Marc Brookland, '12

Senior Roster

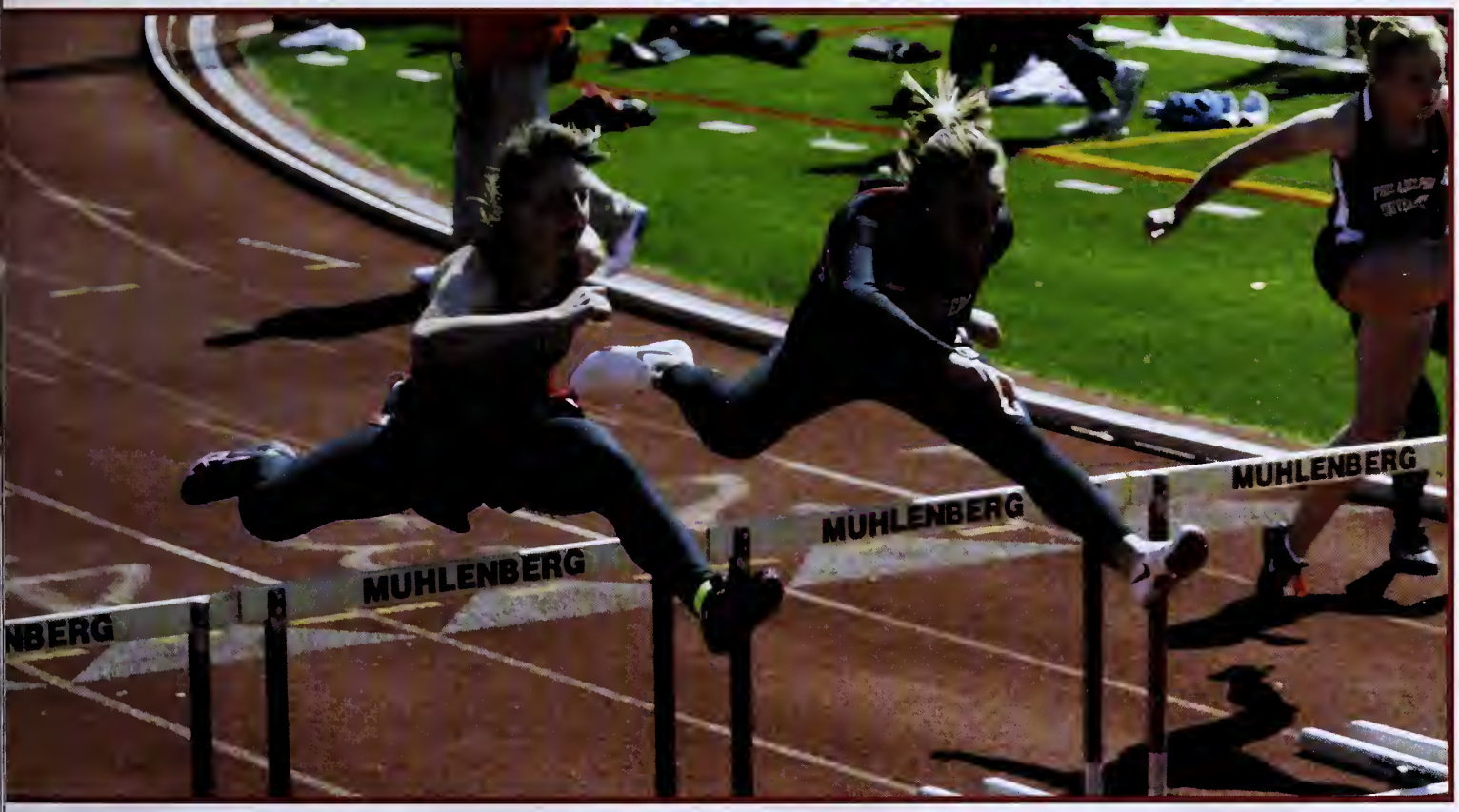
Name	Position
Michael Baer	Jumps/Hurdles
Marc Brookland	Jumps
Karl Colder	Throws
Andrew Henry	Distance
David Kurtis	Hurdles
William Lowrey	Distance
Alex Price	Mid-distance
Peter Rice	Sprints
Eric Strouse	Mid-distance
Kyle Sullivan	Sprints
Michael Wiender	Sprints





Senior Roster

Name	Position
Melissa Miller	Pole Vault
Nicolette Miller	Distance
Melissa Ugelow	Distance
Kimberlee Yalango	Mid-distance



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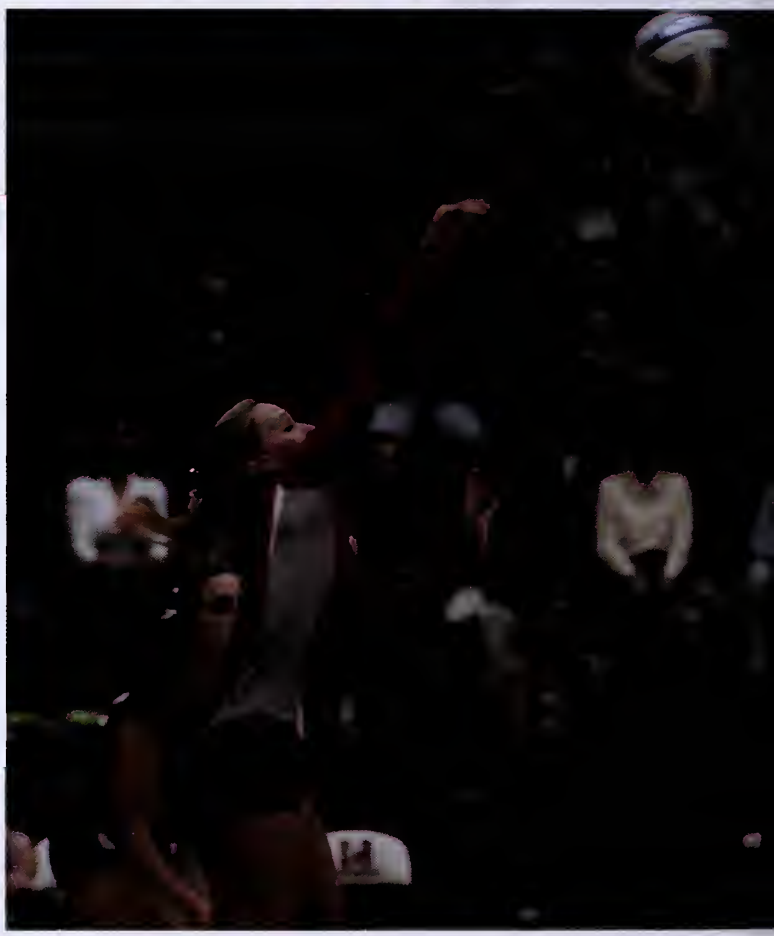


volleyball

"Being on the Muhlenberg Volleyball Team for the past four years has been an amazing experience, both on and off the court. Although I am going to miss all the practices, matches, and laughs, the memories and friendships I have made will certainly last a lifetime. My team and coaches are not just a group of my peers or a group of my friends - they are my family, and I am grateful for all of the growing, sharing, and developing that we have done together. GO MULES!"

- Davi Gordon, '12

Senior Roster

Name	Number	Position
Davi Gordon	10	RS
Brooke McQueen	2	DS
Jackie Price	11	M

wrestling

Senior Roster

Kevin Homan
Kenneth Ludwig
Nick Pallotta
John Sternlicht

It was really difficult to overcome the adversity thrown our way. Lack of support, having less than half a full team, suffering injuries upon injuries, and going through three coaching changes were just some of the many challenges with which we were faced. My experience on the wrestling team over the past four years was rough, but it made me a better person. As Dan Gable (Wrestling HOF) said, "Once you've wrestled, everything else in life is easy."

-John Sternlicht '12

ice hockey

Senior Roster

Name	Number
Alan Bass	GM
Alex Lieberman	18
Kit Mathers	5
CodyMcKinney	9
Andrew Milanesi	12

On June 28th 2011, Shelley Latteman graduated to heaven after a bravely fought 12 year battle with cancer. As team photographer and wife of head coach Ken Latteman, Shelley quickly became a second mother to all those involved with 'Berg hockey. Quickly befriending all those she met, Shelley taught us all the value of kindness and challenged us to constantly strive to overcome adversity in the most graceful way possible. She will forever remain a guiding light for those of us privileged enough to call her our friend. - Lacy Cook '11

"I can attest personally to receiving special gems of blessing that can only be revealed when you're in the midst of a fiery trial." -Shelley Latteman

shelley latteman

rugby

Senior Roster

Rebecca Charlop
Sarah Drill
Heather Malacaria
Kelly Poiner
Christy Rodiguez
Lindsey Roessler
Rebecca Schlauch
Jacqueline Smith

"Before joining the team, I knew nothing about rugby. I only joined because I wanted to play a sport in college. I soon realized that it was much more than a team. While playing, I had to rely on my teammates to always have my back. We really had to be 1 5 together."

-Rebecca Charlop '12

Senior Roster

Name	Number
Zach Cohen	3
Frank Donnelly	81
Doran Gittleman	22

"Helping this club sport grow from almost nothing is something that I am truly proud of. Without this sport, and this team, I would not be be the the person I am today."

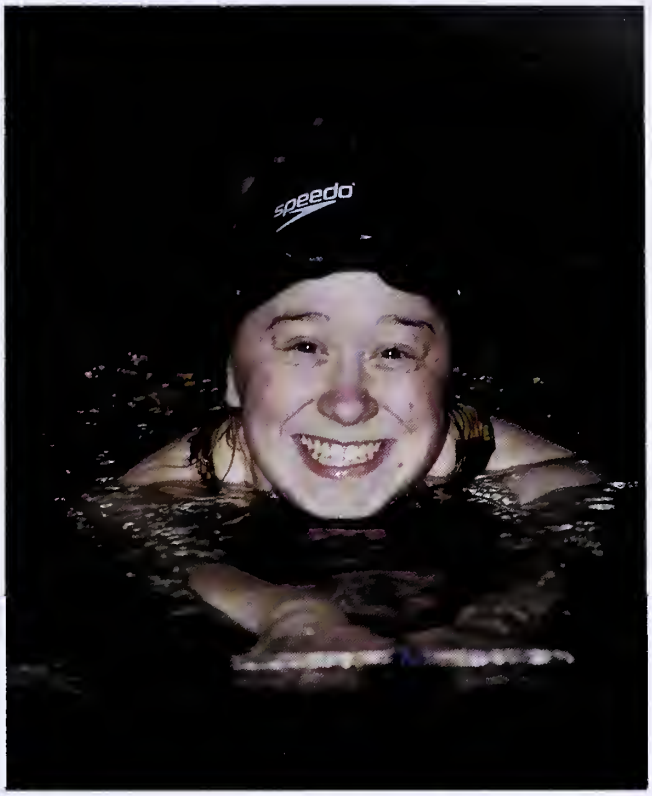
-Zach Cohen '12

ultimate frisbee

swim team

Senior Roster

Abigail Helms



academics

senior staff

a message from mike bruckner vice president of public relations

This past year was an exciting one for Muhlenberg College. The College continued to flourish and 2011-12 was another strong year, although after the first few months no one knew where we would end up. We started the year a bit crazed — a hurricane, an earthquake and a Halloween snow storm. Then, a power outage that left some off campus properties in the cold and dark for several days. Since then, however, Muhlenberg College experienced an exciting, productive and extraordinary year — one we can all be proud of.

The real highlight is that students won several major national academic awards. Students won a Udall, a Goldwater, a Fulbright and Jake Glass became the second Truman Scholar in school history. Other than the Rhodes, these are some of the most prestigious academic awards in the world. The College also launched its media and communication study abroad program in Dublin this year. This complements the other study abroad partnerships — the business program in Maastricht, the theatre program in London and the Washington Semester program. More than 50% of all of Muhlenberg students now study abroad in dozens of nations.

The 2011-12 Commencement Speaker is Mary Schapiro, chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Also receiving honorary degrees were Jeannette Ickovics, class of 1984, who is a professor of epidemiology and public health at Yale, along with Liz McCartney and Zach Rosenburg. McCartney and Rosenburg founded the St. Bernard Project, which helped rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Since Hurricane Katrina, The College has sent nearly 100 students to New Orleans for Alternative Spring Break to help with the rebuilding process. On an additional community engagement note, the College was once again named to the President's Honor Roll for Community Service.

So, what started as a difficult, chaotic year has blossomed into one of the best in college history. Two long-time administrators retired at the end of the year -- Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life; and Athletic Director Sam Beidleman. A 1963 graduate of Muhlenberg, Beidleman has been affiliated with the school for more than 50 years as a student, athlete, coach and administrator.

accounting, business, economics, & finance

Back Row:
Ms. Paula Irwin
Dr. Holmes Miller
Mr. Jean Simonnet
Dr. Don Dale
Dr. David Amdur
Dr. Roland Kushner
Dr. Arthur Raymond
Dr. James Marshall
Ms. Gail Eisenberg
Dr. Michael London
Dr. Samuel Laposata

Front Row:
Dr. Donna Bergenstock
Ms. Cathy Ramella
Dr. Donna Kish-Goodling
Dr. Trish Boyles

Not Pictured:
Ms. Jamie Doran
Ms. Justine Frantz
Dr. George Heitmann
Dr. Trevor Knox

Mr. Raymond Barnes
Dr. Amy Corbin
Dr. Jadviga da Costa Nunes
Mr. Joseph Elliot
Mr. Amze Emmons
Mr. Scott Sherk
Dr. Margo Thompson
Mr. Kevin Tuttle

art

(in alphabetical order)
Dr. Mary Byrne
Dr. Chrysan Cronin
Marten J. Edwards
Dr. Amy Hark
Dr. Kimberly Heiman
Dr. Erika Iyengar
Dr. Daniel Klem
Dr. Elizabether McCain
Dr. Paul T. Meier
Dr. David Much
Dr. Richard Niesenbaum
Dr. Jordanna Sprayberry
Dr. W. Robert Stamper
Dr. Jeremy Teissere
Dr. Bruce Wightman
Dr. Patrick Williams

biology

Dr. Donald Shive
Dr. Bruce Anderson
Dr. Marsha Baar
Dr. Paula Clark
Dr. Keri Colabroy
Ms. Elaine Gannon
Dr. Kathleen Herrera
Dr. Christine Ingersoll
Dr. Joseph Keane
Dr. Jason Kelsey
Ms. LuAnn Feist
Ms. Winifred Russell

chemistry

(from left to right)

Melissa Bodnar '13
Jenna Schaffer '12
Dr. Jefferson Pooley
Erika Liljestrand '11
Dr. Su e Curry Jansen
Dr. Susan Kahlenberg
Dr. Elizabeth Nathanson
Dr. Kathrn Ranieri
Dr. John Sullivan
Dr. Lara Taub-Pervizpour
Anthony "The Man" Dalton

Not Pictured:
Dr. Jennifer Horner
Dr. Paul McEwan
Dr. David Tafler

media & communication

Front Row:
Ms. Gail Chabak
Dr. Sally Richwine
Dr. Louise Shive
Dr. Sally McClain

Back Row:
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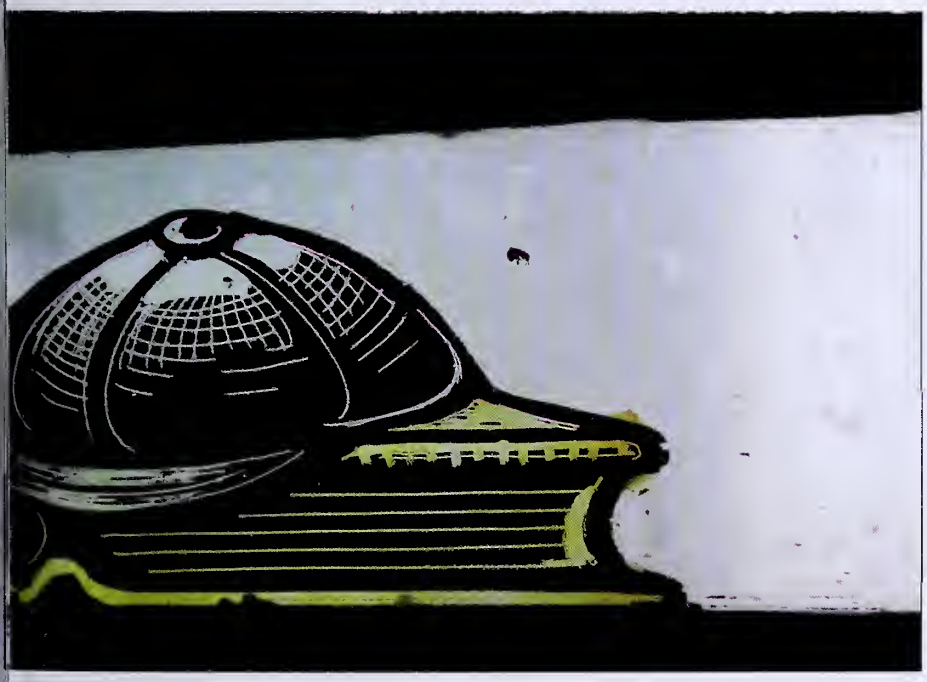
Dr. Pearl Rosenberg
Ms. Susan Byrne
Dr. Robert Heaver

Middle Row:
Dr. Michael Carbone
Dr. Cathy Kim
Ms. Kim Rohrbach

education



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Dr. Barri Gold
Dr. Mary Lawlor
Dr. Alec Marsh
Ms. Linda Miller
Dr. David Rosenwasser
Dr. Grant F. Scott
Dr. Jill Stephen

english

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Dr. Kim Gallon
Dr. Thomas Cragin
Dr. Susan Clemens

Back Row:
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Dr. William Tighe
Dr. Robert Croskey
Dr. Mark Stein
Dr. Cathy Marie Ouellette
Dr. Daniel Wilson

history

Front Row:
Dr. Al Kipa
Dr. Eileen McEwan
Dr. Joan Marx
Mrs. Linda Wirth
Dr. Kathryn Wixon

Back Row:
Mrs. Fulvia Alderiso
Prof. Helen Bachochin
Prof. Mirna Trauger
Dr. Luba Iskold
Prof. Olindo Zanchettin
Dr. Eduardo Olid
Dr. Franz Birgel
Prof. Ilana Levy
Prof. Santa Zanchettin
Prof. Pamela Stilin
Dr. Erika Sutherland
Prof. Camille Qualtere

languages, literature, & culture

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Dr. Michael Huber
Dr. Penelope Dunham
Dr. Clif Kussmaul
Dr. Elyn Rykken
Dr. Margaret Dodson
Dr. William Dunham
Dr. Linda McGuire
Dr. William Gryc
Dr. Byungchul Cha

math

Front Row:
Dr. Karen Hiles
Dr. Diane Follet
Mrs. Patricia Helm

Back Row:
Dr. Douglas Ovens
Dr. Ted Conner

music

Front Row:
Dr. Marcia Morgan
Dr. Christine T. Sistare
Dr. Thaddeus Robinson

Back Row:
Dr. Daniel Doviak
Dr. Steven Coutinho
Dr. Theodore T. Schick, Jr.

philosophy

(from left to right)
Dr. Adam Clark
Mr. Meritt Jacob
Dr. Brett Fadem
Dr. Jane D. Flood

physics

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Dr. Lanethea Matthews
Dr. Mohsin Hashim

Middle Row:
Dr. Christopher Herrick
Dr. Christopher Borick
Ms. Maureen Bayraktar

Back Row:
Dr. Alton Slane
Dr. Michele Moser Deegan
Dr. Giacomo Gambino

political science

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Dr. Mark Sciutto
Dr. Matthew Dohn
Ms. Brenda Larimer
Dr. Gretchen Gotthard
Dr. Jeff Rudski
Dr. Kathleen Harring

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Dr. Linda Bips
Dr. Stefanie Sinno
Dr. Laura Edelman
Dr. Kate Richmond

Not Pictured:
Dr. Alan Tjeltveit
Dr. Connie Wolfe

psychology

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Ms. Linda Kelly
Dr. Susan Schwartz
Dr. Sharon Albert

Back Row:
Dr. Jessica Cooperman
Dr. William Gruen
Dr. Peter Pettit
Dr. Hartley Lachter

religion studies

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Dr. Christopher Kovats-Bernat
Dr. Anne Esacove
Dr. Aaron Passell
Dr. William Abruzzi
Dr. Janine Kay Gwen Chi

anthropology & sociology

Theatre:
Dr. James Peck
Mr. Charles Richter
Mr. Curtis Dretsch
Mr. Timothy Averill
Ms. Constance Case
Ms. Holly Cate
Mr. Michael G. Chin
Ms. Karen Connell
Mr. Troy Dwyer
Mr. Mark McKenna
Ms. Francine Roussel
Dr. Beth Schachter
Mr. Larry Singer

Dance:
Ms. Karen Dearborn
Ms. Pattie Bostick
Ms. Lisa Bottitta-Busfield
Ms. Sarah Carlson
Ms. Corrie Franz Cowart
Ms. Susan Creitz
Ms. Heidi Cruz-Austin
Mr. Olase Freeman
Ms. Gayanne Grossman
Ms. Madeline Hoak
Ms. Katie McNamara
Ms. Ellen Troy Mulcahy
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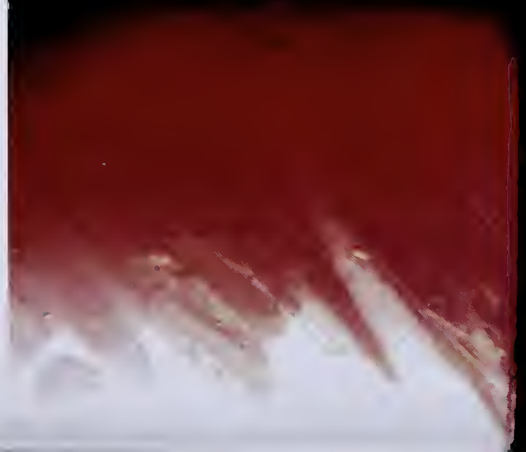
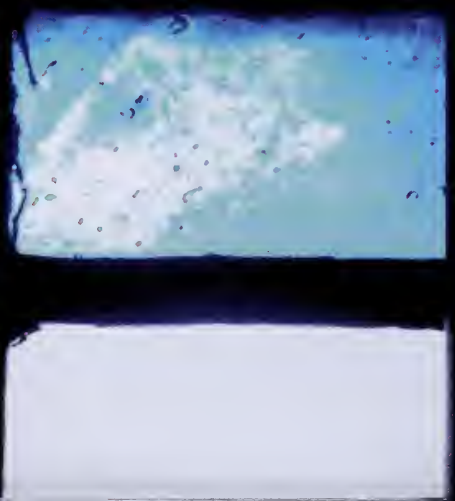
Ms. Lynn Wiener

theatre & dance

underclassmen





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just be a queen

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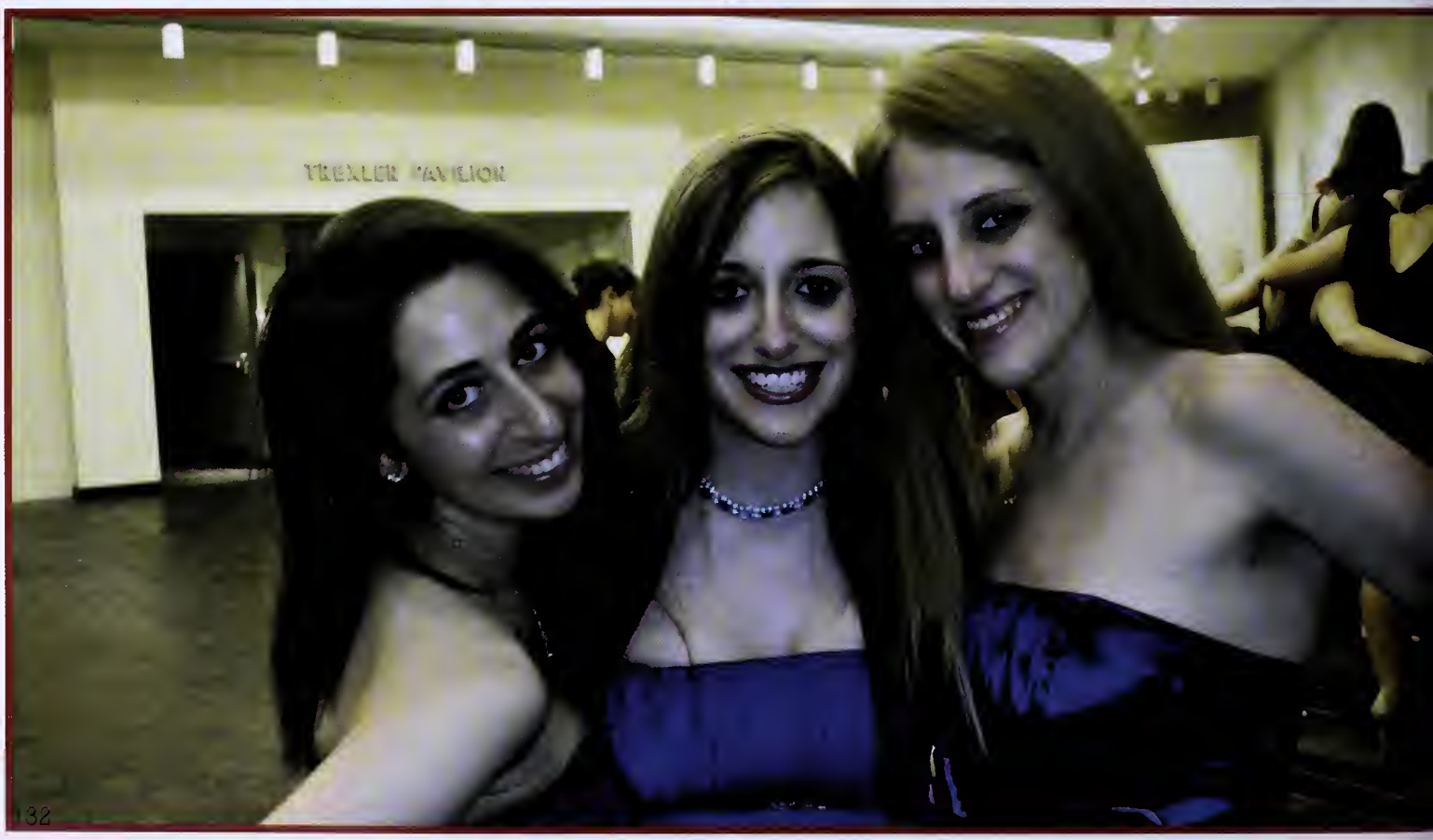
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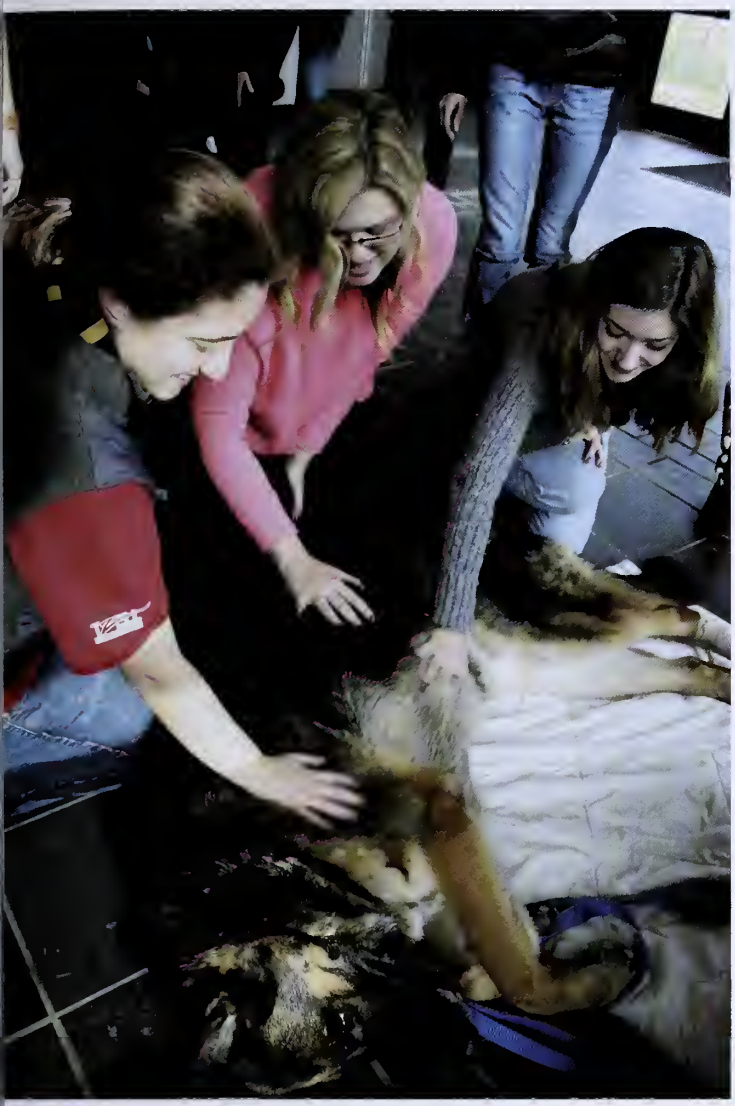

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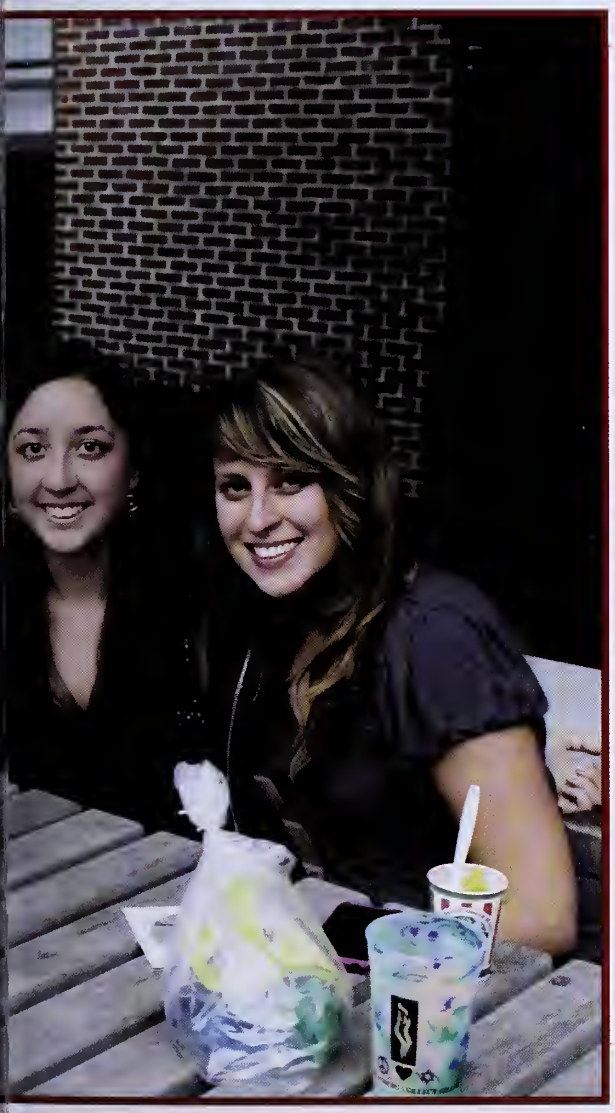

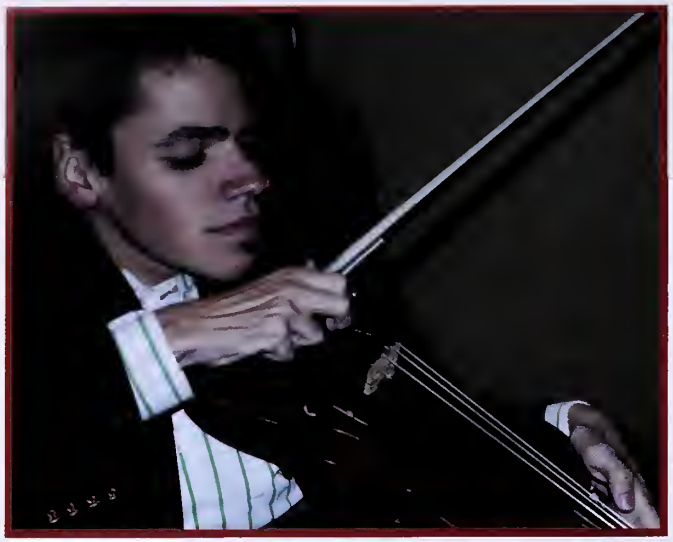

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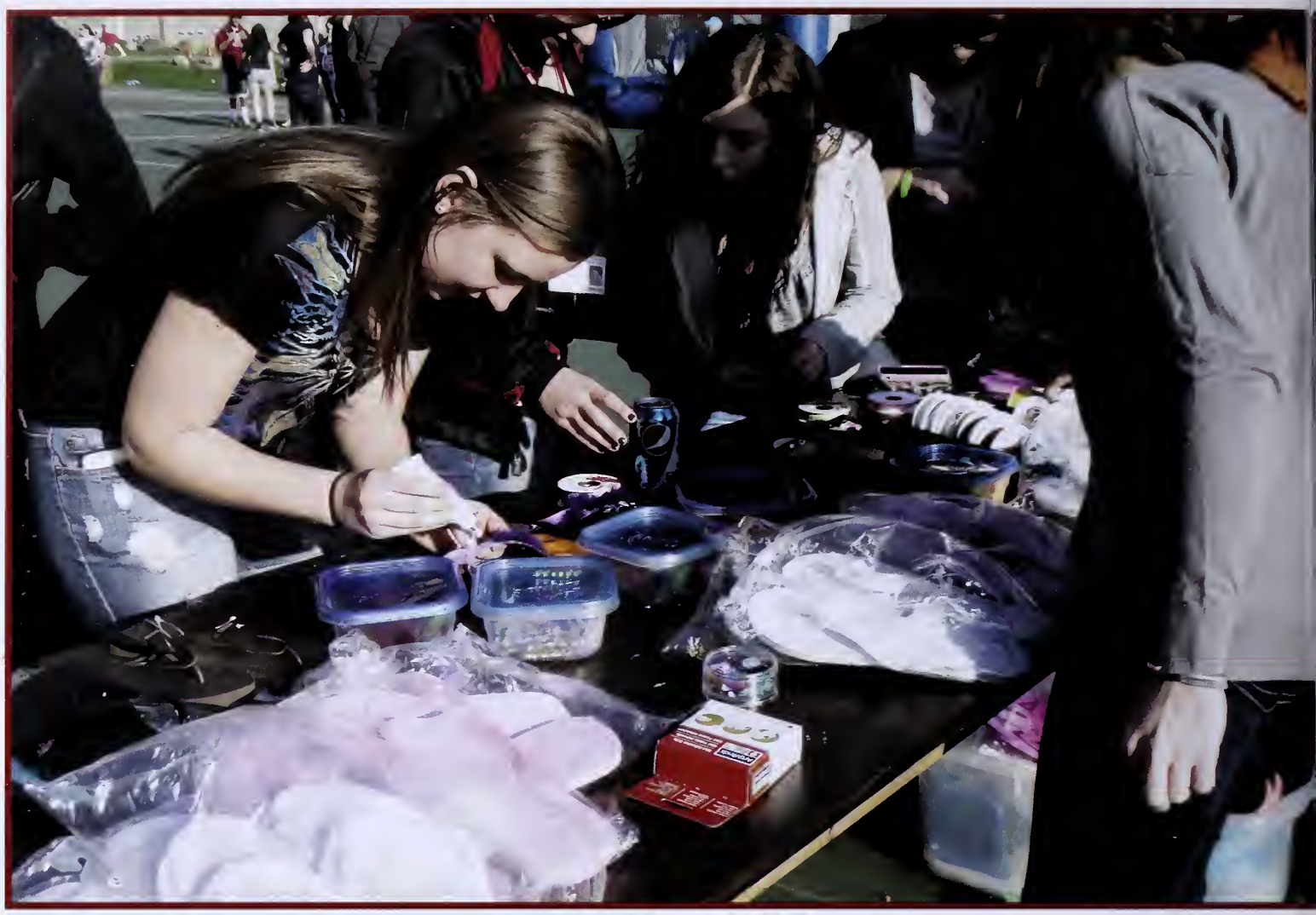

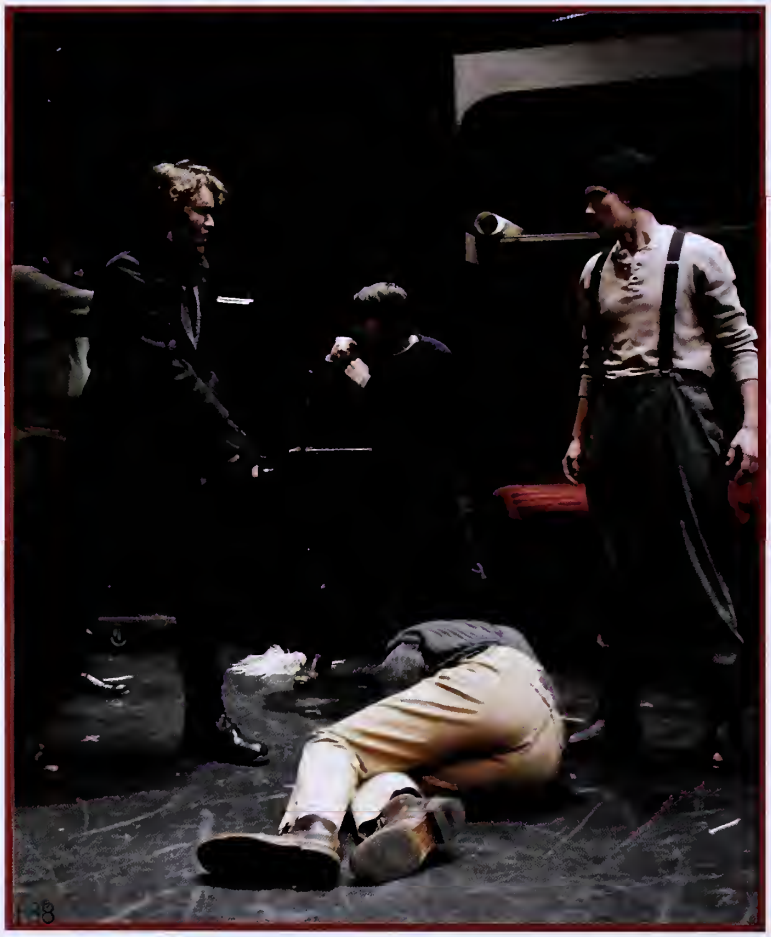

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seniors

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Benjamin Aizer

Florencia Allegretti

Kadeem Alston-Roman

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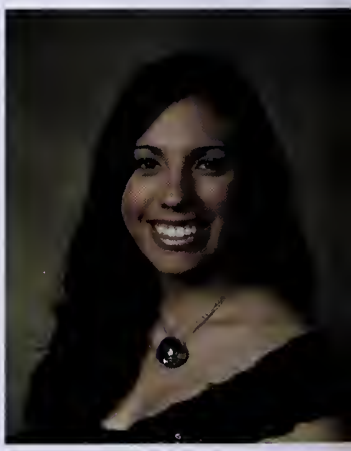
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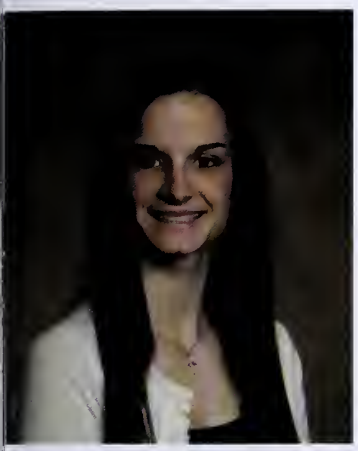
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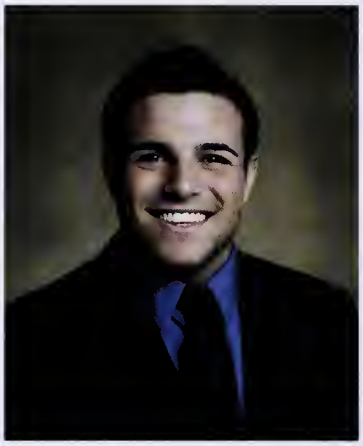
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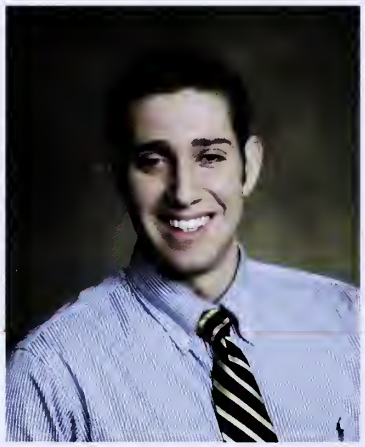
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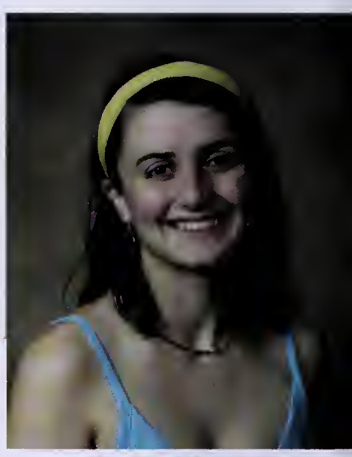
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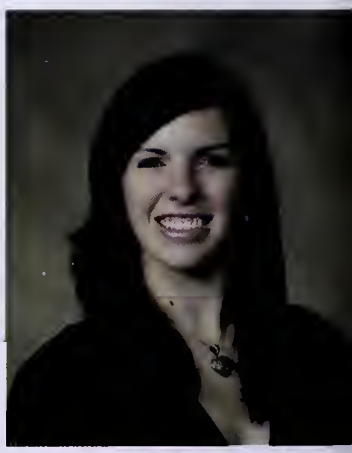
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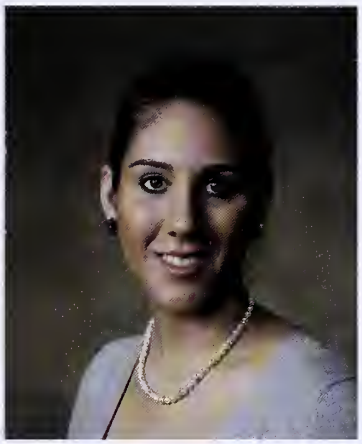
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Kaylee Christ

Colleen Christian

Kennetta Christian

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Ann-Marie Cittadino

Andrew Clark

Ronald Clark

Alexis Clarke

Barry Cleckley

Melinda Clemmer

Richard Cogan

senior spotlight

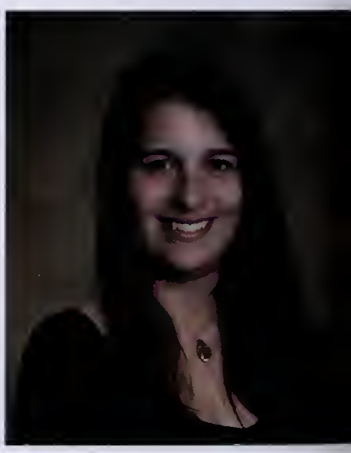
jeremy menard

My undergraduate academic career was defined by Muhlenberg College's "internal communities." I will never forget the B-flat that I belted out of my trombone on the final note of my final Jazz Ensemble concert in Empie Theater. I will never forget the road trip that me and my broadcast partner, DJ Carey embarked on to announce Muhlenberg's first round game in the 2010 NCAA Division III football tournament at Wesley College in Delaware. While I am thankful for the experiences that I shared with the talented students involved in Muhlenberg's music department and WMUH, I am certain that the relationships that I made as a brother in the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity will extend beyond the "Muhlen-Bubble." I wouldn't trade a single one of my Muhlenberg memories for anything in the world. My undergraduate career at Muhlenberg was defined by the clubs and organizations that I was fortunate enough to be a member of."

Amanda Cohen

Ben Cohen

Matthew Cohen



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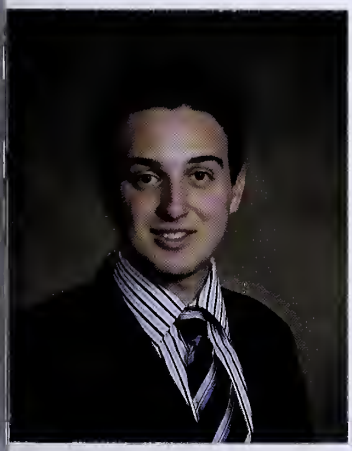
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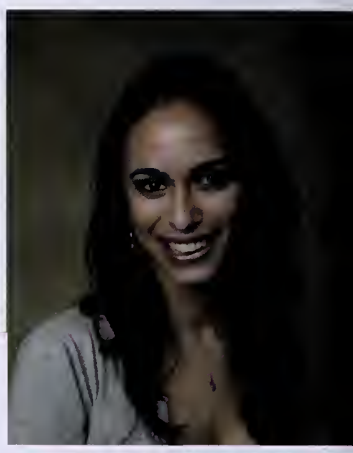
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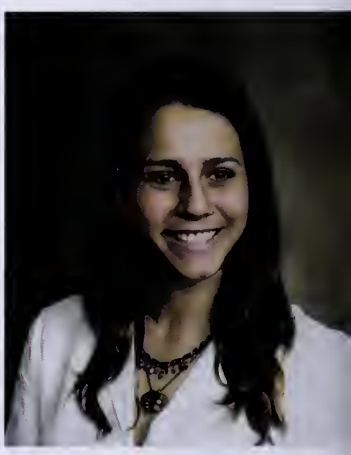
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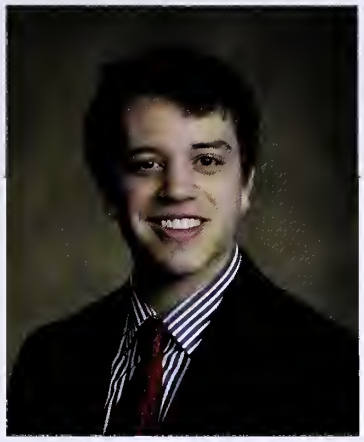
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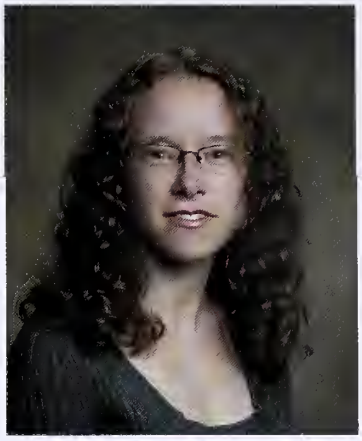
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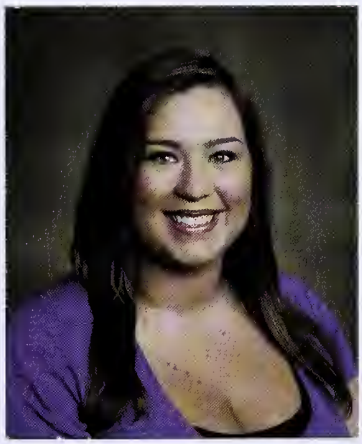
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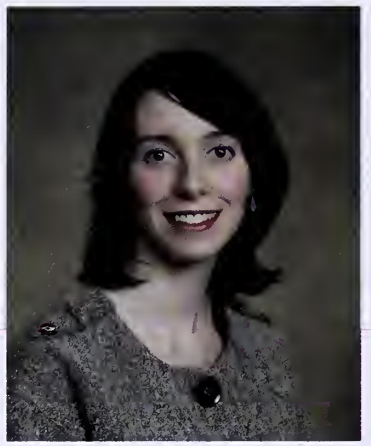
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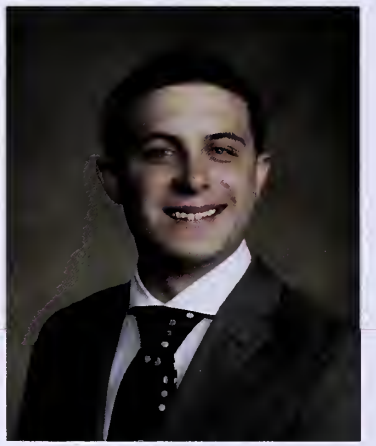
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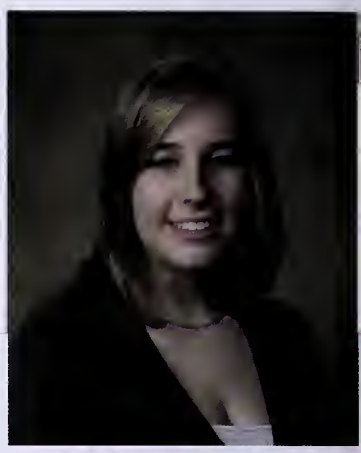
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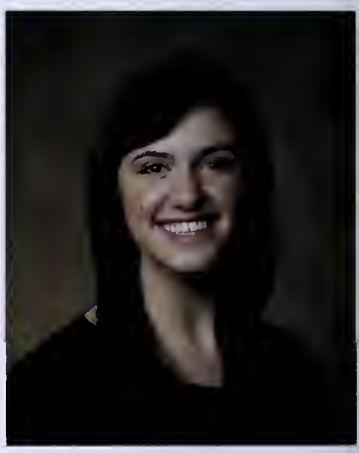
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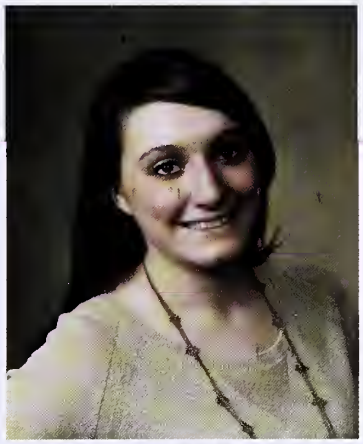
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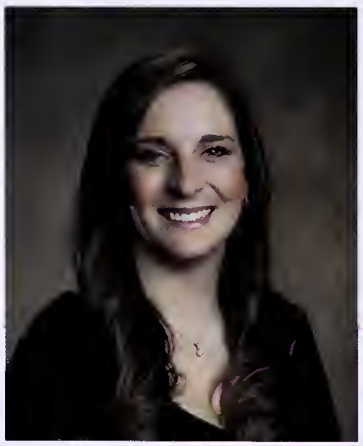
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"Muhlenberg has provided some of the most exciting and challenging experiences of my life. From studying long hours in NSB to being abroad in Spain to walking down the red carpet as a model for Alpha Chi Omega's Fashion Show Philanthropy Fundraiser, I have so many unforgettable memories from the past four years. Although a part of me wants to run back to my room in Prosser Annex and relive my experience, I feel that Muhlenberg has prepared me for the next chapter of my life. What makes graduating a little easier to come to terms with is knowing that my amazing relationships with professors, faculty members, and friends will continue on after 'Muhlenlife'. Muhlenberg has become my second home, and I thank everyone who has contributed to making it that way. I wish happiness and success to the rest of my fellow graduates, congratulations class of 2012!"

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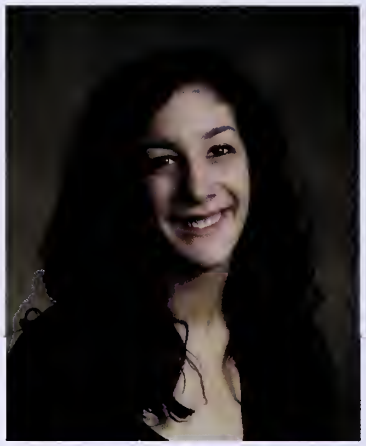
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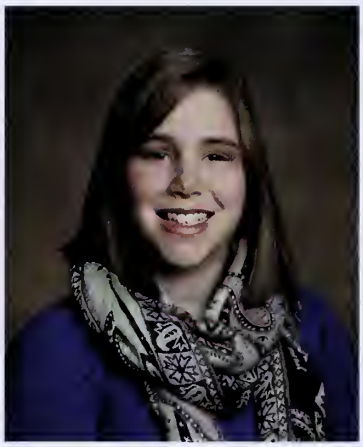
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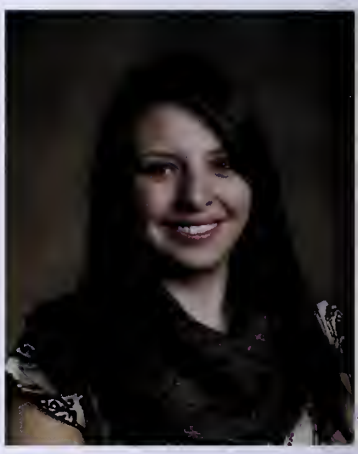
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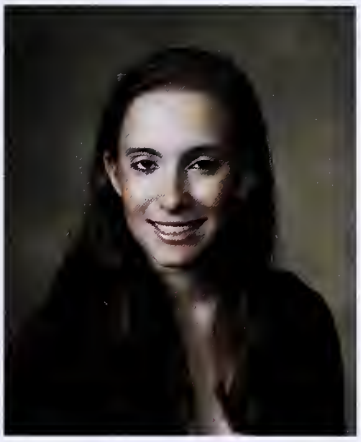
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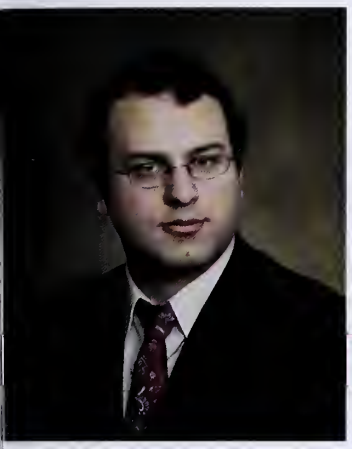
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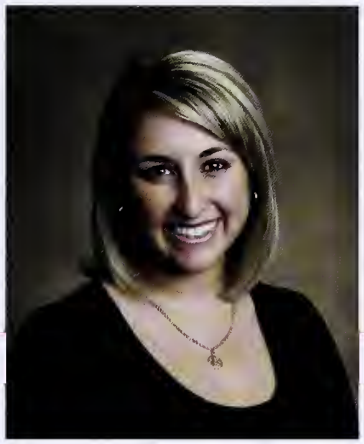
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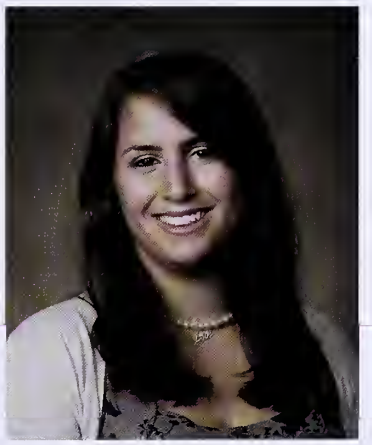
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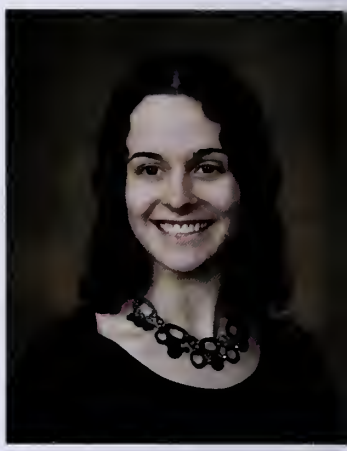
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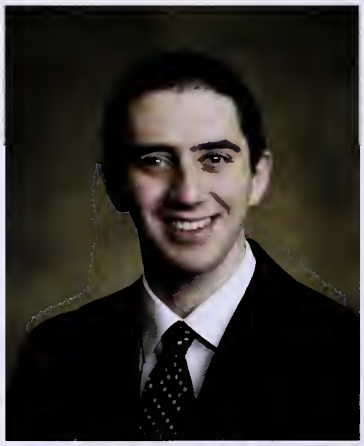
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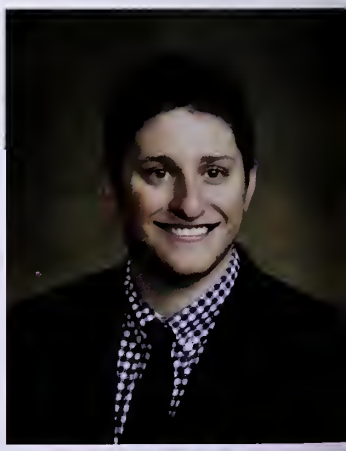
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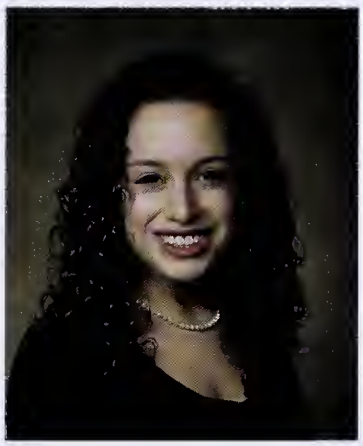
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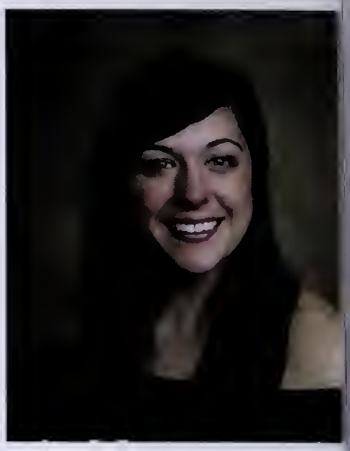

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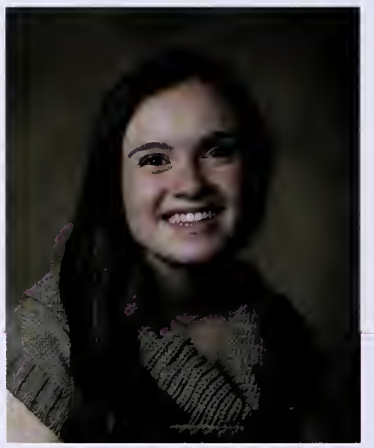
Muhlenberg will always have a special place in my heart. I knew instantly freshman yearthat this place would become my home and four years later I can say that Muhlenberghas allowed to grow and mature into the man I am today. Through the help of my best friends, fraternitybrothers, and the amazing staff and faculty at Muhlenberg I graduate havinglearned much more than what was taught in a classroom. I have become a leader, a brother, a friend, andmost importantly a member of the great Muhlenberg community. I feel so privileged to have gone toMuhlenberg and to have met the amazing people also call this place home.



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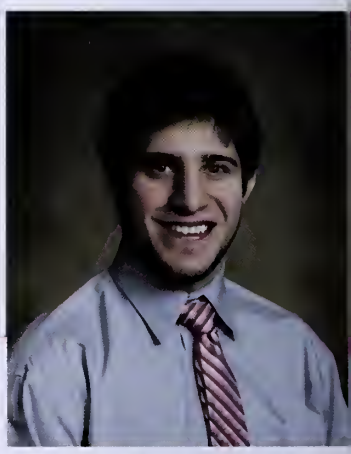

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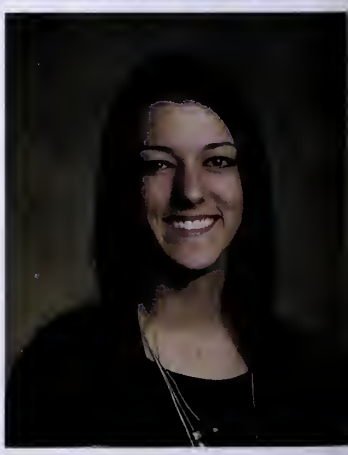

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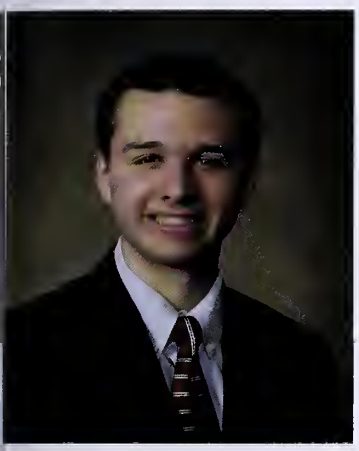
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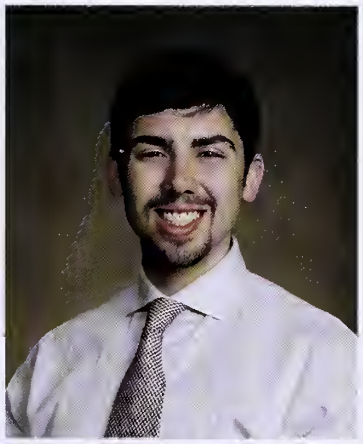
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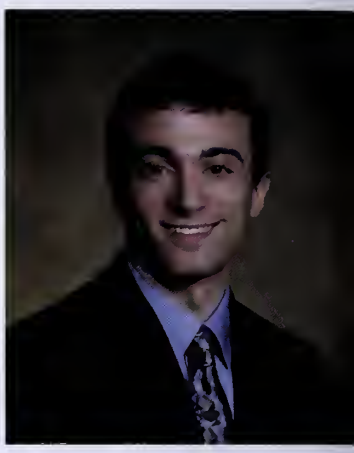
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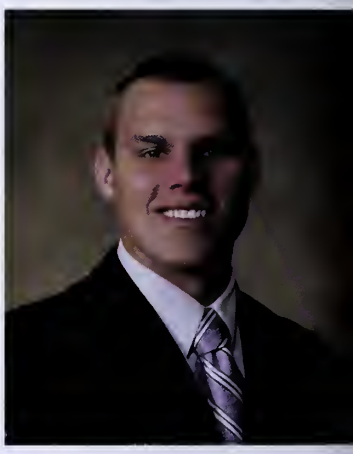
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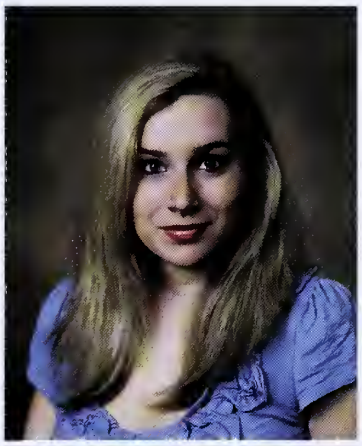
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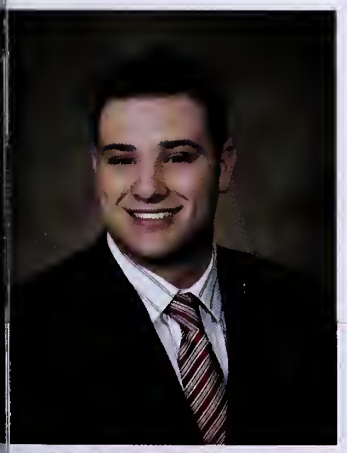
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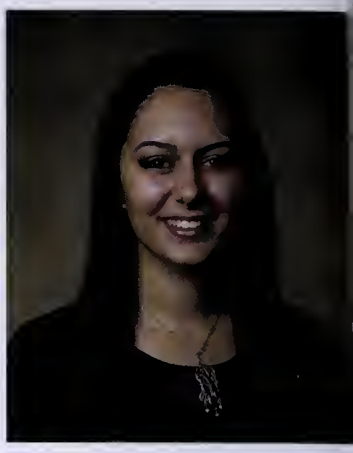
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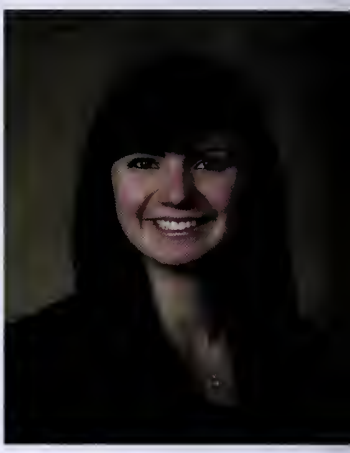
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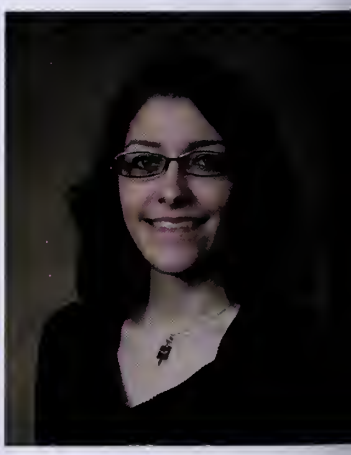
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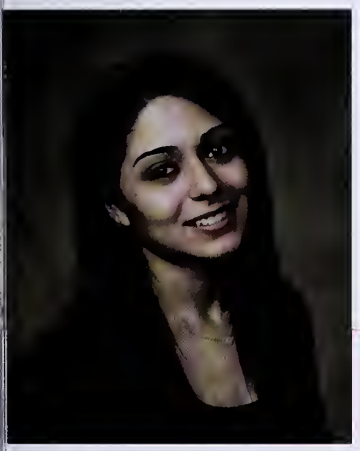

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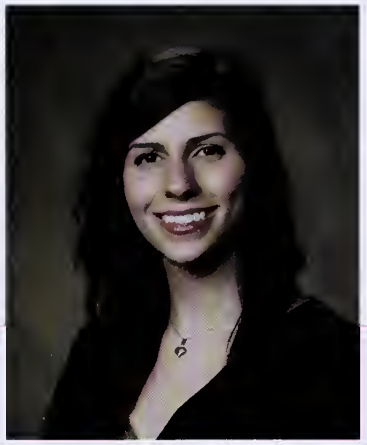

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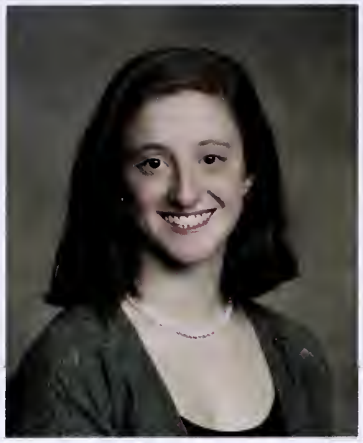
alexandra chili

My four years at Muhlenberg College have flown by, but I do not regret a single day. I could not have picked a better school for me. Being a mule, although counter-intuitive because no one likes an ass, has given me the opportunity to receive a stellar liberal arts education, build the best friendships I could hope for, and to truly grow as an individual. I will miss this college and campus dearly, but I am confident for the future because I know Muhlenberg has given me all the tools I need to succeed. Thank you to all my professors, coaches, teammates, and friends here! You have truly made my past four years a dream come true! Also, women's basketball is the best.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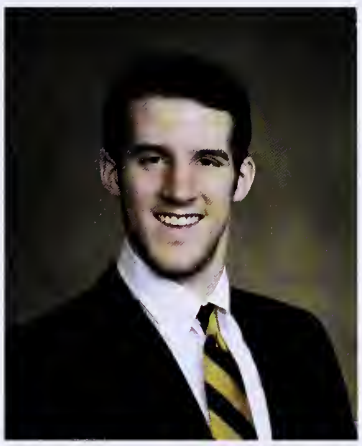
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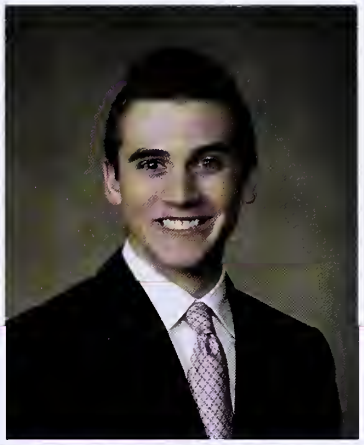
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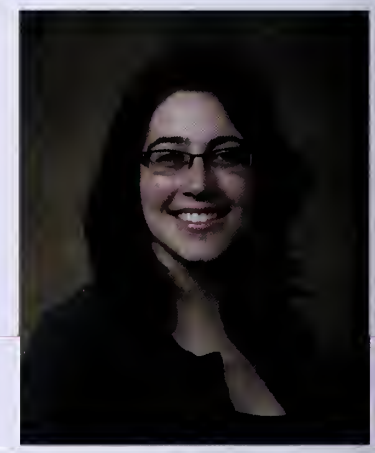
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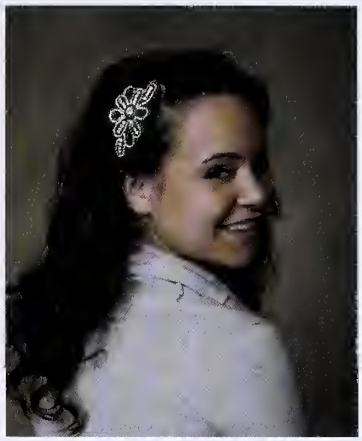
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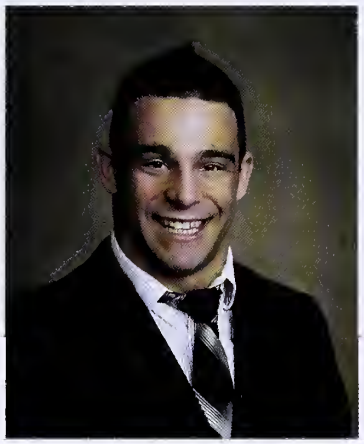
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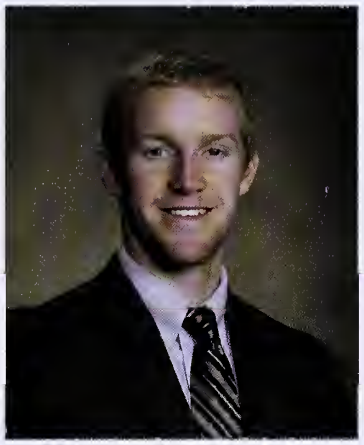
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Brandon Turner

Melissa Ugelow

Lauren Valenti

Margaret Vallone

Eric Vandenberg

senior spotlight

andrew clark

I came to Muhlenberg to study theatre, and like many students who come here, I hoped to pick up a second major along the way. In my first year I took a lot of different classes in subjects I had never taken before, but what I didn't know when I took beginning ballet in the Fall of 2008 is what a huge part of my life dance would become over the course of four years. Muhlenberg, specifically the Theatre & Dance department, has allowed me to prosper and learn in enormous, life-changing ways. I am eternally grateful for the support I have received from the faculty and my peers. Whether I'm flying through the air in a leap or balancing in an inversion, its all thanks to what I've been taught at Muhlenberg.

Jessica Verzella

Elizabeth Vessio

Elena Voonasis

Jaclyn Walsh

Deborah Ward

Joseph Wassel

Robert Wassum

Kristen Wehrle

Philip Weisgold

Jamie Weiss

Natalie Weiss

Nicole Weiss

Anna Whiston

Michael Wiener

Tennille Wilfur

Isabel Willson

Lauren Wink

Corey Winkler

Alexander Wolfe

Emily Wolff

Sara Wollin

Kyla Wonder

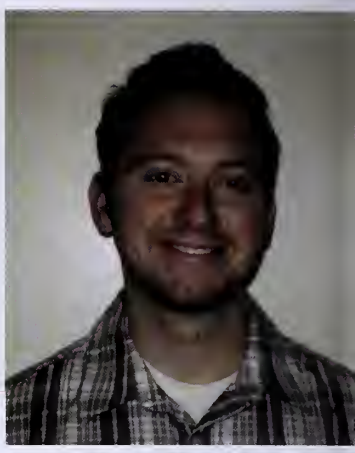
Kellie-Ann Yamane

Lisa Youngentob

Corey Zaretsky

Rachel Zarkin

Andrew Zepp


Ryan Zitofsky

Hannah Zucker

Elyse Zwanger

muhlenberg college class of 2012

(We weren't kidding about the squirrel.)

seniors not pictured

Megan Angelastro
Kyle Appleton
Alexander Ardolino
Jeremy Arnold
Peter Ashman
Gerald M. Baer
Ashley Baratta
Cody Barker
Keenan Barrett
Maya Basik
Michelle Bayer
Paul Bayley
Nicholas Beattie
Alexander Beck
John Billiams
Sarah Biren
Jordan Blumenthal
Sean Boyle
Marc Brookland
Alexander Brown
Frank Cabrera
Christopher Caraway
Kenneth Cobb
Douglas Connolly
Andrew Curley
Anthony D'Ambrosia
Joana da Silva
Frank DeAndrea
Francis Donnelly
Matthew Doyaga
Marissa Edwards
Gabrielle Fassman
Michael Fiorillo
Jessica Fisher
Jonathan Fritog
Taylor Gaines
Scott Gavin
Patrick Gibson
Allison Giordano
Doran Gittelman
Annie Gofberg
Justin Greenstone
William Hackett
Jennifer Hall
Grant Harris
Christopher Hartzell
Christopher Hastings
Molly Hauber
Andrew Henry
Ryan Hoffman
Kevin Homan
Tracy Howard
Khadijeh Jaber
Aayesha Jan
Emily Joyner
Alex Kahan
Jonathan Kalb
Tarin Kassover
Randall Katz
Michael Kellum
Ryan Killeen
Stefanie Kleinberg
Breanne Klinger
Alexander Kossar
Matthew Levy
Maren Lord
Kenneth Ludwig
Allison Lundquist
Jonathan Lyons
Christopher Lysenko
Jeffrey Malatack
Jacquelynn Matlack
Jeramie Mayes
Timothy McClung
Patrick McDonough
Harrison Merck
Kimberly Morawski
Mark Mounayar
Chase Nadell
Douglas Nulton
Sarah Ochocki
Jacob Ramsay
Peter Rice
Jason Richman
Rebecca Roe
Sara Romanello
Benjamin Rosen
Brittany Rosenberg
Harrison Rowner
Abraham Rubin
Michael Rus
Lauren Ryan
Maxwell Saidman
Jay Salasko
Taylor Schiffman
William Snow
Emily Snyder
Tony Stark
Marc Stylman
Victor Taiwo
Kevin Tomasura
Michael Van Tosh
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Cierra Walker
Clint Watkins
Corry Whitehead
Samantha Xenis
Kimberlee Yalango
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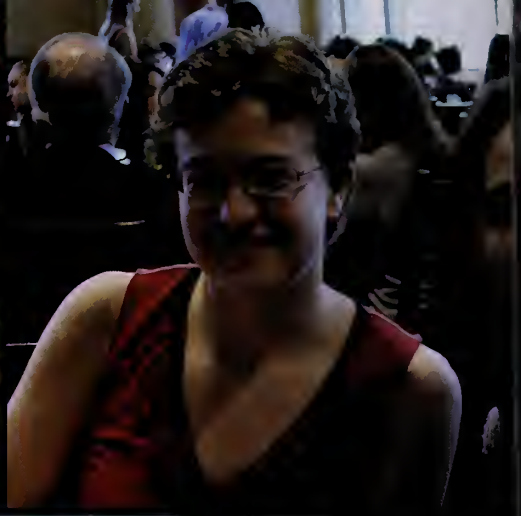
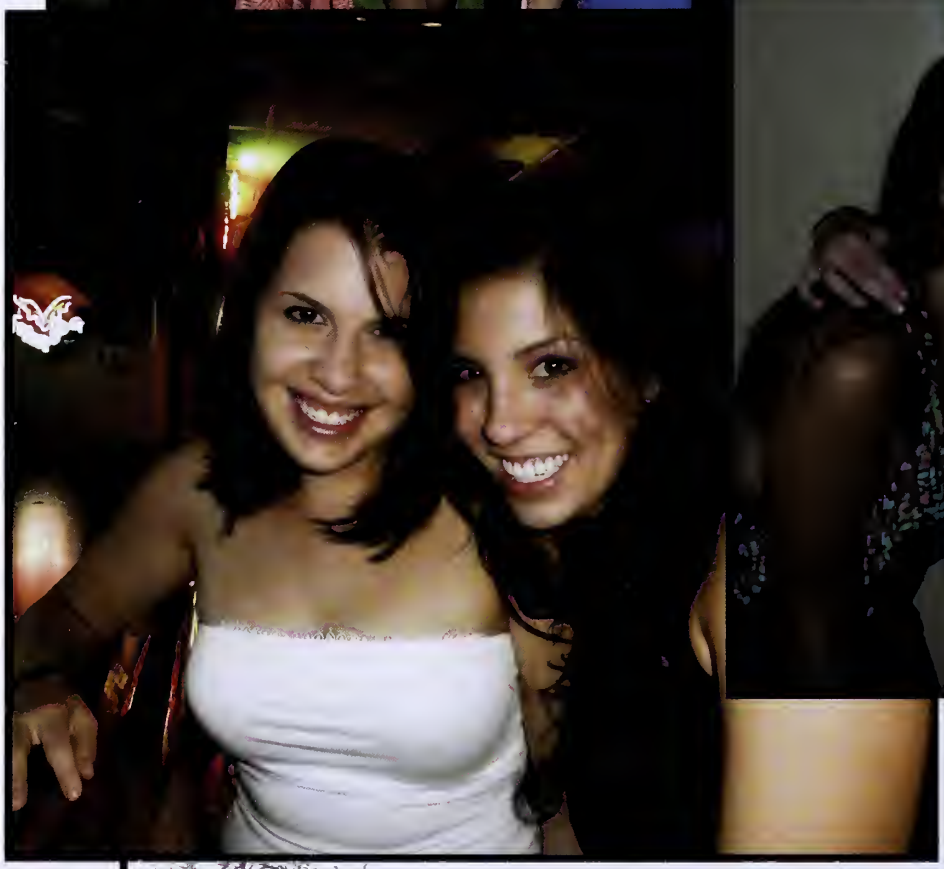
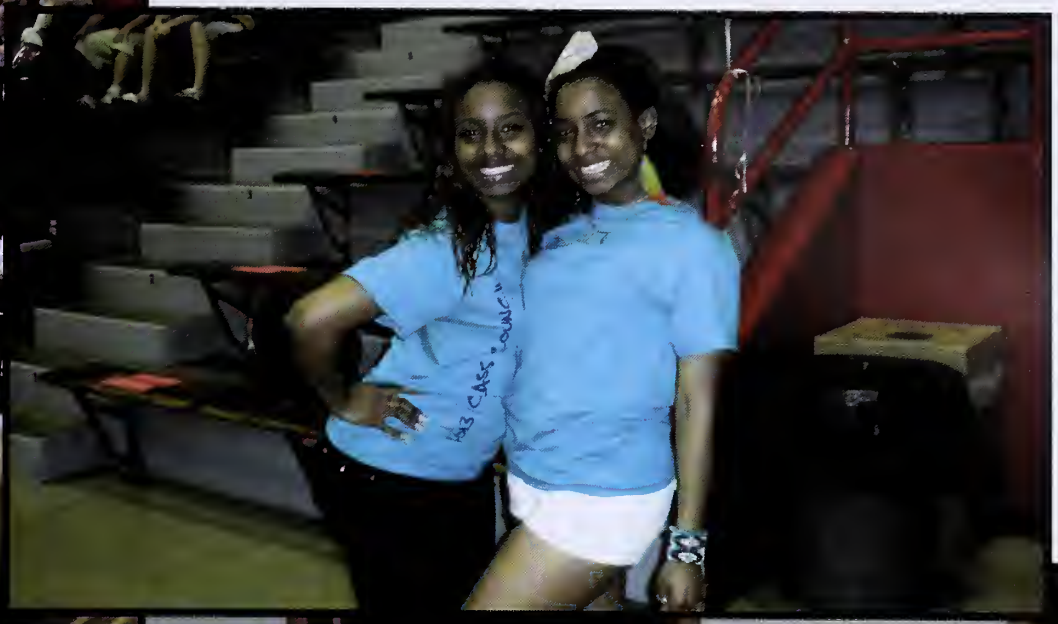
Ryan Zitofsky







"...People who study the nature and function of stories, aka narratologists, will tell you that stories are scripts we take in from the culture—templates for who to be and how to be. Probably the most popular one, the one that got you to Muhlenberg in the first place—your chosen beginning—is the bourgeois success story, which I mockingly call "2.4 refrigerators and a split level spouse." You know this story because you live it: get in to a good school, get a good job, make money, marry Mr. or Ms. Right, buy things and still more things, and live happily ever after.

The problem with this story, though, is that it casts each of us in the role of hero. And hero is a really hard part to play, because heroes are larger than life. And frankly, most of us are not larger than life.

...So here we are at the end of your college experience. And, during a period of endings, the lure of sentimentality is that much greater. We feel the need to consecrate this moment of ending—graduation—ritually. We start talking in grandiose terms about everything. As I keep saying, I'm not just giving you some lecture: it's the last lecture, as if your learning were ending here, God forbid!

I've talked to a lot of seniors, and most of you right now are, in one way or another, freaking out—at least in part because you are starting to see that the end of college is, in some ways, an end to more than just college...And I suspect when you leave this last lecture, a lot of you will be getting loaded, as a way of getting out of your head, a way of not thinking about how things are ending. Arguably that's what Senior Week is all about: it's an institutionally-sponsored bacchanalia, designed by the College, your surrogate parent, to preserve for you the sentimental illusion of a happy ending for as long as possible.

sentimental crap doesn't let you off the hook. On the contrary, it raises the stakes on the hero script. It makes you feel like you are more important than you actually are and increases the likelihood that you will feel shitty about yourself if you aren't making the next step in the bourgeois success script immediately...Yes, we are all inevitably the hero of our own life story, but I am asking you to try on the possibility that it's not that hot of a story.

...I want to return now to that Buddhist joke with which I began. 'Make me one with everything,' he says to the hot dog vendor. In that moment the joke collapses the distance between the high and the low: Buddhists are icons of exotic spirituality. Hot dog vendors are emblems of working class shmoes, thick in eat-and-excrete, mundane reality. The joke collapses the distinction; it erases hierarchies. It makes us all, in fact, one with everything, even as it suggests a double meaning in its very utterance. There's a follow-up to the Buddhist joke. After taking his hot dog he hands the vendor a $10 dollar bill and asks for his change. The vendor smiles and says, 'Change comes from within.'

Remember that. Change comes from within. You have the power to change the story. You have been scripted into a melodrama that too narrowly defines success... Change the script. Choose comedy over melodrama. Say no to conventional power hierarchies. Say yes to life. See it for the comedy it is." - David Rosenwasser, Professor of English

champagne brunch

"The same individual that entered college and received that Berg Bulletin everyday at 9:03 (depending on where you are in the alphabet) is the same person sitting here today, in this room, waiting for me to finish this speech. The difference now is the person that you have become and the lessons you have learned. We have all experienced the same culture here at Muhlenberg but how did that culture affect you? Looking around the room we can ask ourselves, "So how does the Class of 2012 fit the 'Theory of Connectivity' like it says on the website? The reason is between us all, we know everyone here. We have shared experiences with each other, learned from each other, and hopefully in some way grew from each other. We may have joined different groups and got involved in different things, but for the rest of our lives and especially the next few days we are now one group, we are the class of 2012."

- Allison Giordano '12, Class President

baccalaureate

"...Here at Muhlenberg, we learned not only analytical thinking and new skills; we also learned the power of our community. Each of us came from different backgrounds bringing with us different beliefs and values and it was in this place and with this community that those beliefs and values were often challenged and questioned. And it was with the help of this community that our beliefs were sometimes strengthened, sometimes altered and always deepened. As we leave Muhlenberg each of us will carry with us our own sense of spirituality that will help us to meet the challenges ahead...

..As we look forward to whatever comes our way find comfort in the fact that the end of our time here is not the end of our learning. Continue to look for opportunities to pick up more pieces; each experience has the potential to add a new dynamic colorful piece to your already vibrant life puzzle. When you feel overcome by all that you must face, turn inward and find strength in the well rounded version of yourself that this place has helped you to become. The puzzle will never be complete, what picture your pieces make is up to you and will forever be changing. See that not as negative but rather as the beauty of living life to its fullest."

-Shira Kleinman, '12

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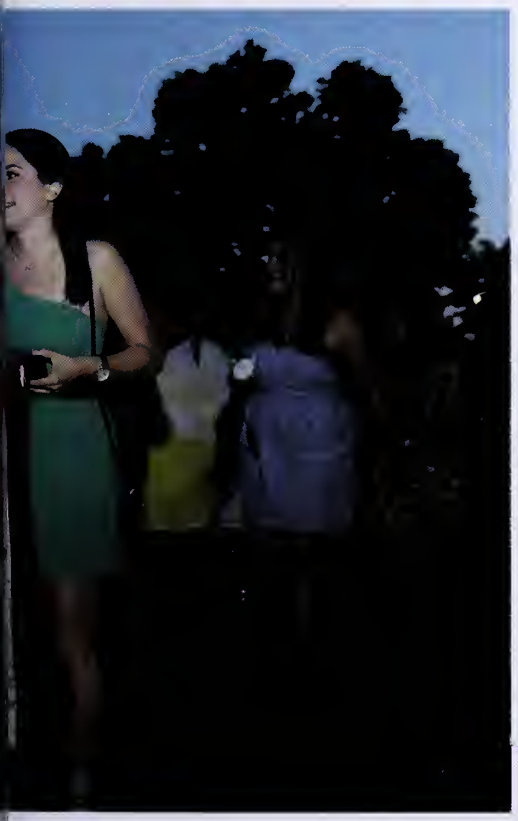

rachel jakubowitcz

"Everyone says that college is the best four years of your life. A time of fun and a time for learning. A time to reflect and attempt to figure out who you really are as a person. I'm sure many people here today are able to recall the ways Hollywood portrays the "ultimate college experience." Animal House, Accepted, National Lampoon, Old School, but does anyone really think that's actually true? You'd be surprised. The best thing about college is that it's up to the individual to make of it what he or she wants. It's literally like a door opens and the professors, staff, faculty, and other students say, 'Well? What will you choose?'

...College becomes a second home and the friends you make here are once in a lifetime. Everyone comes from different backgrounds and upbringings, some even from other parts of the world. I learned another language. I studied abroad twice. I think all of us can remember a time where we were challenged, either inside or outside of the classroom.

We can reflect on a time where we might have been scared to try something new, but we did it anyway. Being at Muhlenberg, has allowed us to try an array of majors and minors, taking classes in a multitude of disciplines. And now, I take everything I have learned, pack it in my suitcase and will go out into the world...

...To be honest, no one can really prepare you for the roller coaster that is senior year, but as I stand here and think back to the past four years, I can honestly say I am astonished and bewildered as to how the time flew by. I know that there are many great opportunities that await us all, and I while I am terrified at the prospect of leaving my friends and this campus behind, I am excited as to what lies ahead.

I know I told my friends and myself I would never quote anyone in my speech, but sorry guys. The background that's been on my phone all year long is a quote from Albert Einstein that I believe says it best: "Life is like riding a bicycle, in order to keep your balance, you must keep moving."

So keep moving, keep taking risks and making mistakes. Keep learning and trying new things. You never know what opportunity may arise from doing something you never thought you might do. And come back. Come back to Muhlenberg and share with your peers, your professors, and the faculty and staff. They want to know how you're doing."

mary l. schapiro

"...Muhlenberg prepares you not just to succeed in the narrow sense but to live a full, intellectually engaged and ethically grounded life. And that's what I'd like to talk about today — because there's something very important in that.

In the decades since I left school and pursued my career, I have had the opportunity to meet a number of remarkable people — successful entrepreneurs, skilled professionals in many disciplines, dedicated public servants who have made the world a better place. They are all very different but there is a common denominator among them: in addition to their innate intelligence and often-exceptional educations, they share an eagerness to look beyond themselves and a curiosity about, and respect for, other perspectives. And this engagement is a large part of their success."

"If there is one thing I would ask you to take away from this event today it is this:

Whether you're off to Wall Street and an accounting career or across the East River, to a Fort Green flat and endless auditions; Whether you're going to grad school for further learning or off to a classroom where you'll be teaching elementary school for the very first time; Whether you're firmly fixed on your new career or somewhat unsure where your future will lead, remember there is always a place for someone who carries with them the knowledge and the values that you absorbed these last four years...You are way too talented and too well-educated not to flourish...especially if, as you travel and explore the world beyond this campus, you carry with you the ideals that you learned while you were here.

Challenging times are the greatest tests of one's values and ability to hold true to them. It seems as though so many things that are just out of reach will fall into your grasp if you compromise "just this once." But that compromise is a false economy — it leads you places you didn't want to go and turns you into someone you didn't want to be. Take a moment today to think of your parents and family whose sacrifices helped you get here, of the professors and mentors who have made your future success their goal as well. And, going forward, as you pursue your dreams and your lives, look closely at the fascinating and successful around you — those who have succeeded, on their own terms, those who are happiest with their own lives. I think you'll find — today, tomorrow, forever — that those who make the most difference to you, are those who have stayed true to themselves. And these are the people you should strive to become. With the education you have earned here and the values it instills.

Muhlenberg College has given you a great gift. Carry it with you wherever you go."

commencement

"Remember that there is one overriding goal to your life: to be happy. If you have learned anything at Muhlenberg, I hope it is this: that happiness derives not from self-indulgence and mindless pleasure, but from tackling challenging tasks, doing your best work, stretching your abilities, doing good for others. Above all, happiness represents a decision on your part.

Happiness is not something that happens to you, nor is it something that others can give you...Happiness is something you choose. I have known brilliant, handsome, talented, miserable millionaires, and I have known men and women of modest means and marginal health who nonetheless determine that they will be happy.

I hope you have good dreams; I hope you learn how to sort out the true dreams from the false; I hope you take your own inventory, develop your own plan, and achieve your own goals. But most of all, I hope you will be happy.

Stay in touch. Come back to visit us whenever you can."

— President Randy Helm

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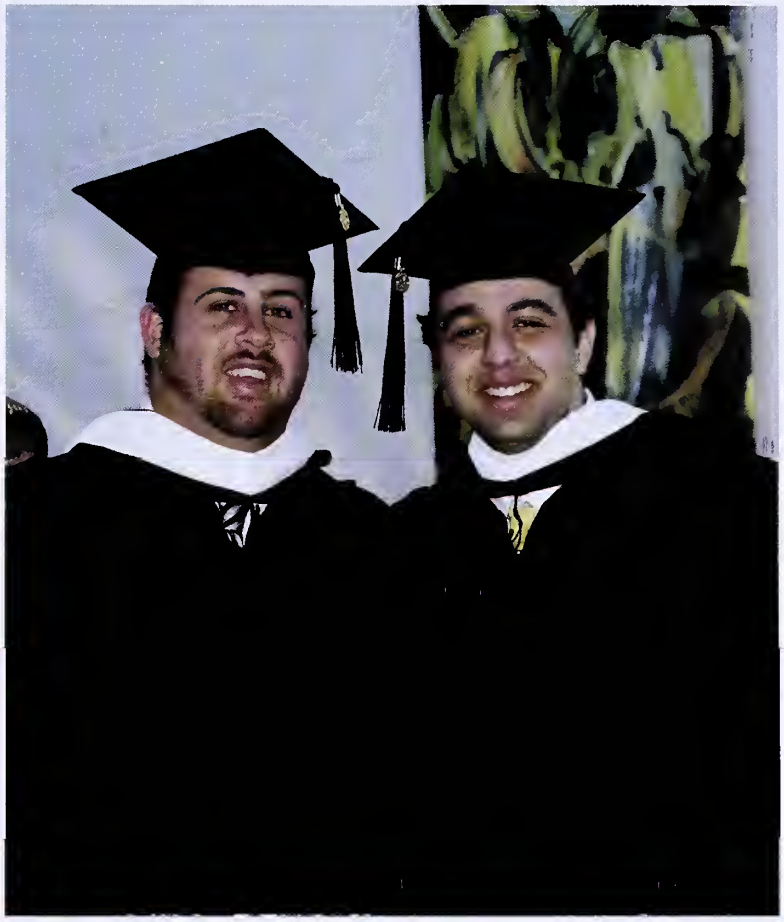

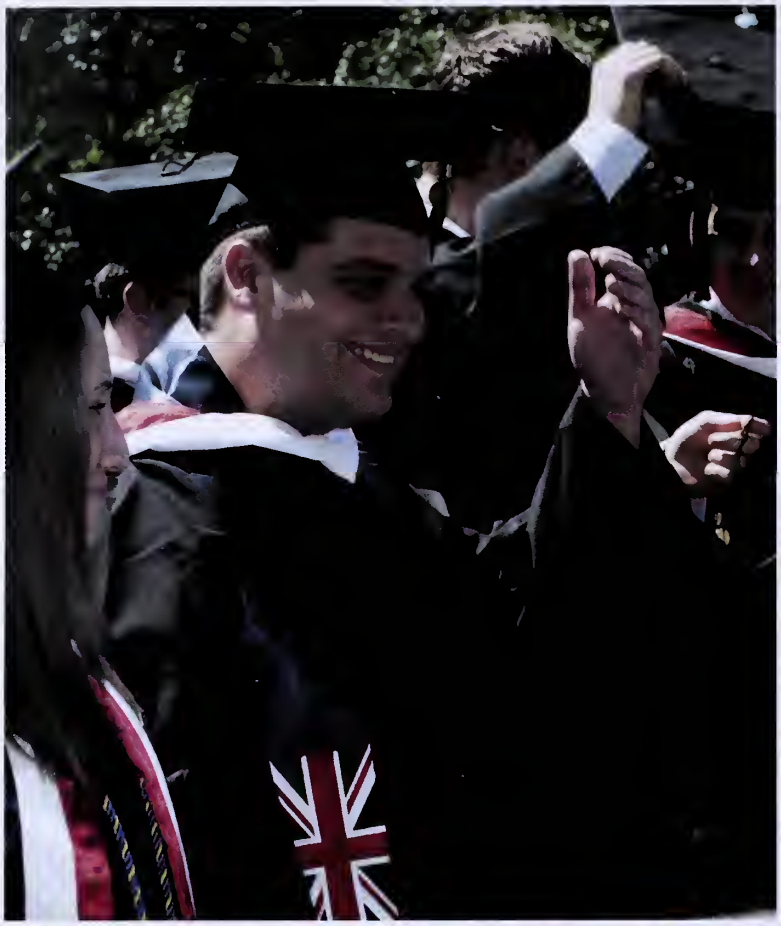

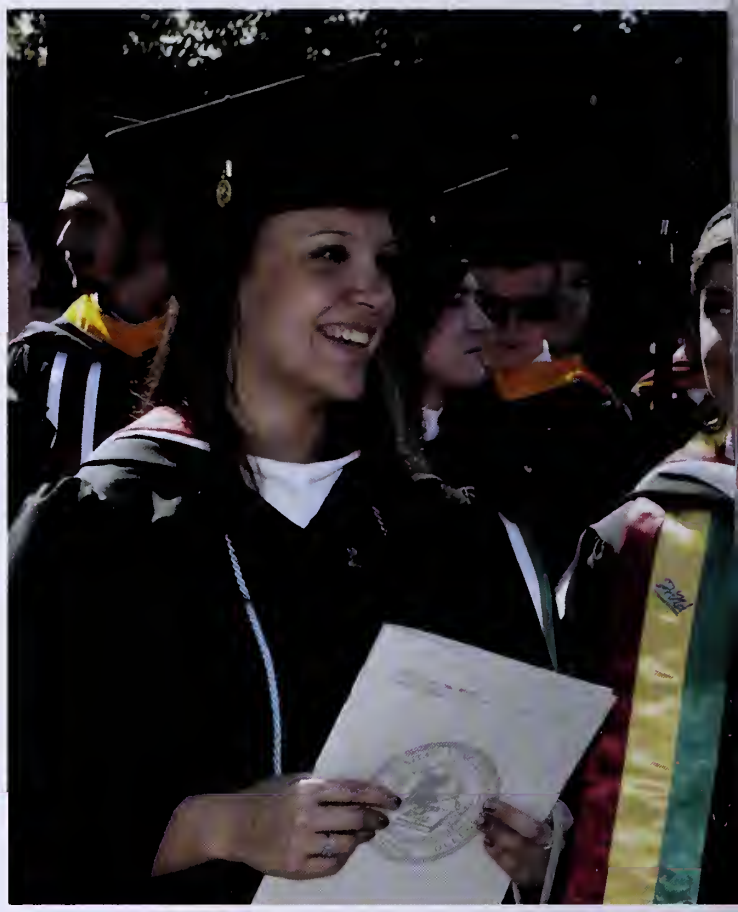

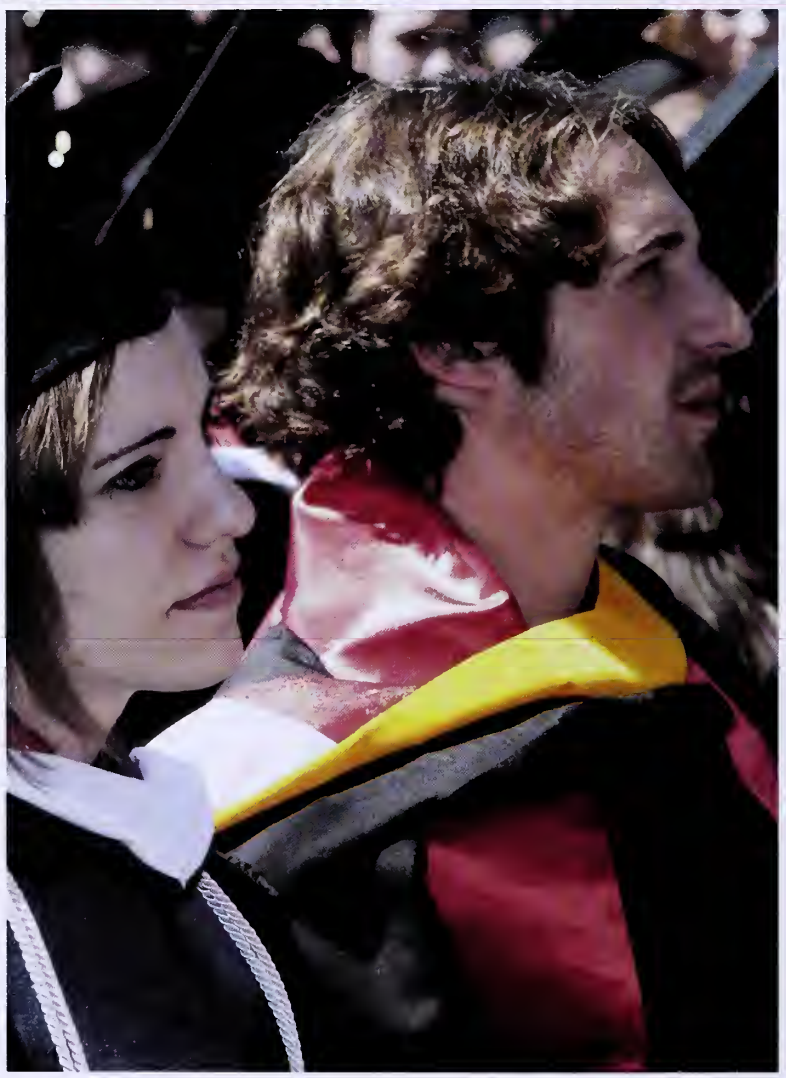

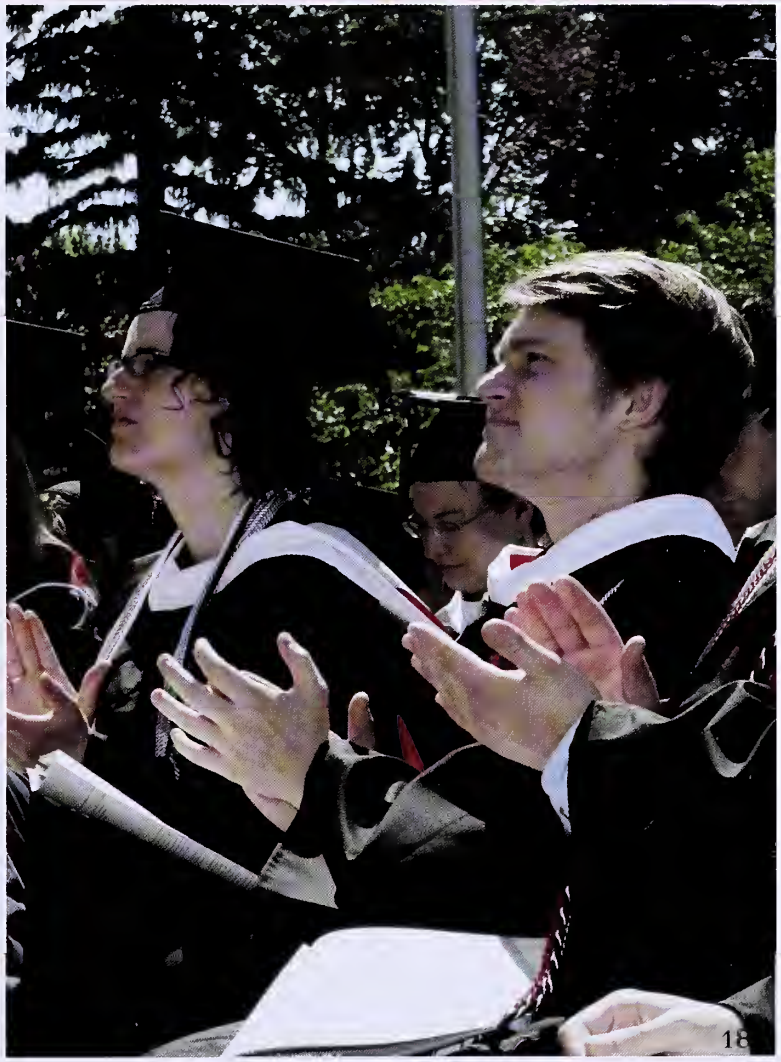

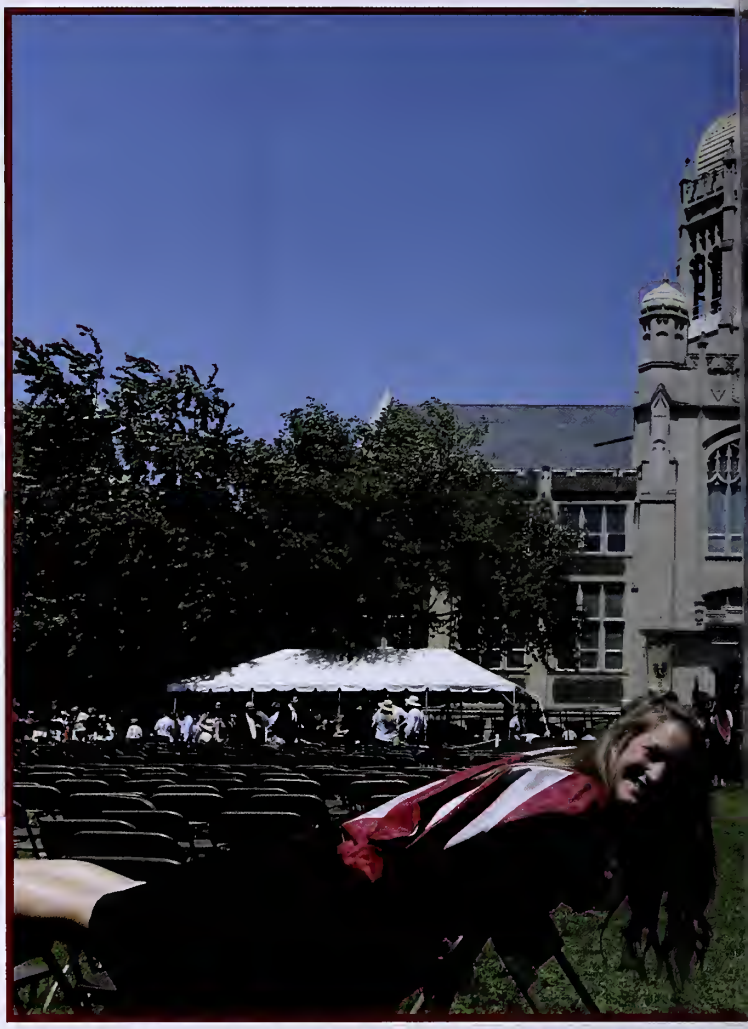

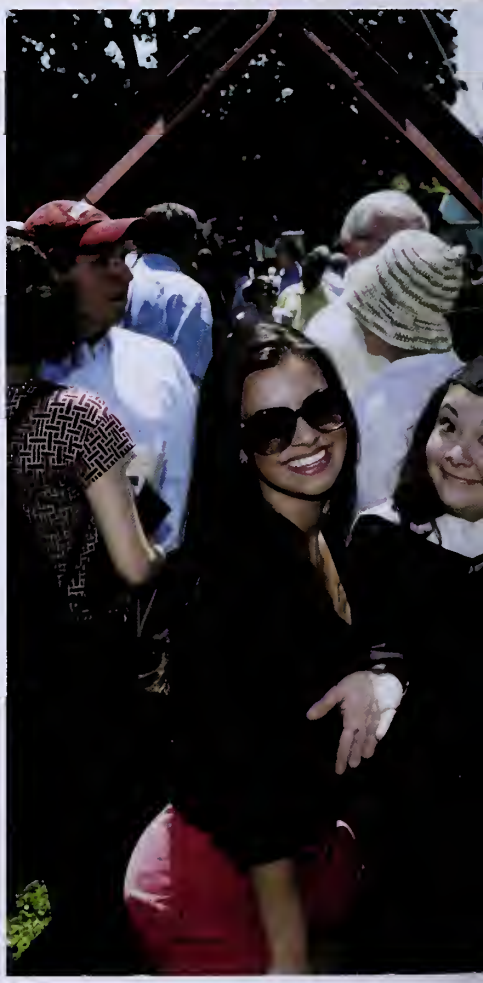

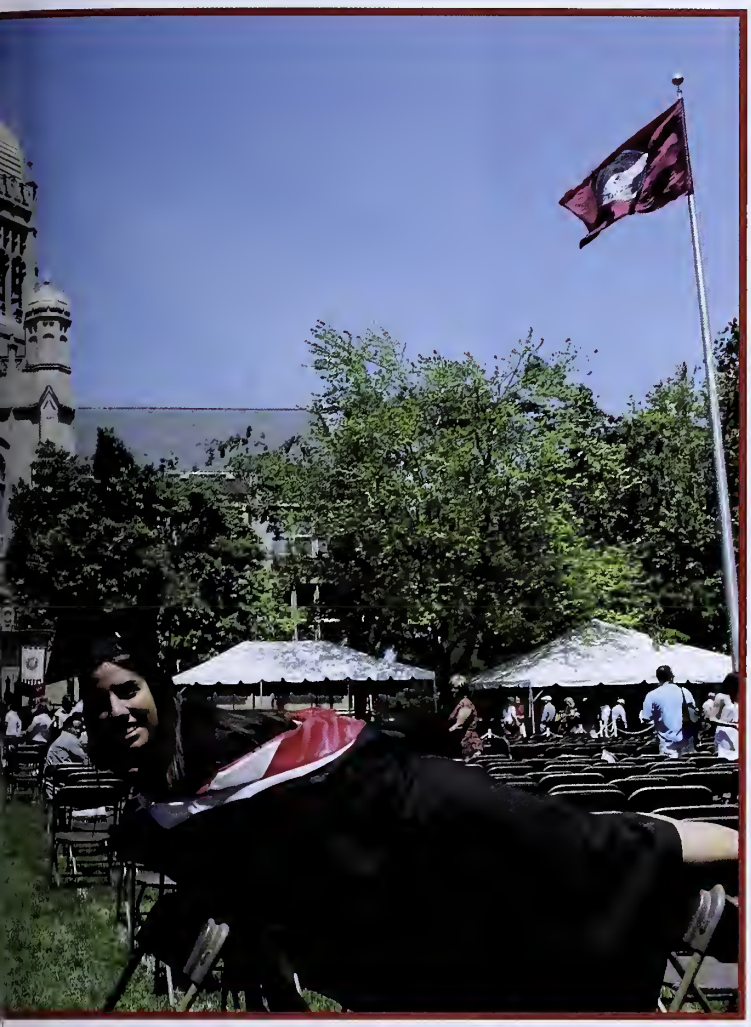

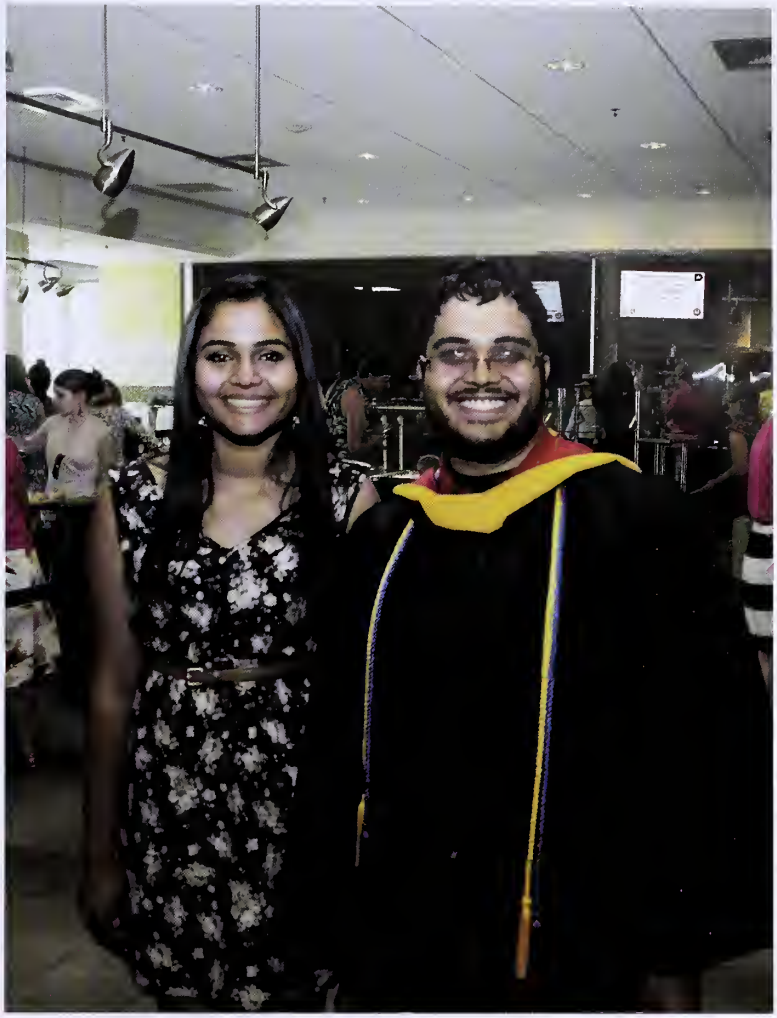

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parent pride

Katie,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments.

You have grown into a wonderful person, and we wish you the best always!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Colin,
Nammy and Poppa

"Don't you ever let a soul in the world tell you that you can't be exactly who you are."

- Lady Gaga

Dear Christa,

Reach for your star,
Follow your dream,
Believe in yourself...
Be all you can be.
Congratulations!!

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Kelli

Alexis,

First, congratulations to our amazing daughter on your College Graduation! All the hard work, determination and commitment have paid off! Your mom and I are proud of you.

While this may be the end of college today, it is just the beginning of the next chapter of your life. You have all kinds of choices in front of you for the future. Just remember to work hard, have fun and treat everyone with respect and you will be successful.

We will always love you!

Mom and Dad

Dearest Rebecca,

Congratulations on your College graduation! You have grown into a wonderful young woman; so full of passion, conviction, and commitment. We couldn't be more proud of you!

If "life is a highway," may it be a long, smooth ride!!

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, and Annie!

Michael

It's been another four years that have gone by so fast and you set a goal and have accomplished it. Your determination and drive amaze us. We know that your future is going to be successful in whatever you do or where ever you end up (not too far from home) because you work so hard at it. We are so proud of you and love you very much.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Stacy

Dear Roxy,

You have accomplished one more Stop (Kiss) on your journey.
May it continue with all the passion you have had from the start.

All our love always,
Mom and Dad

Jamie,

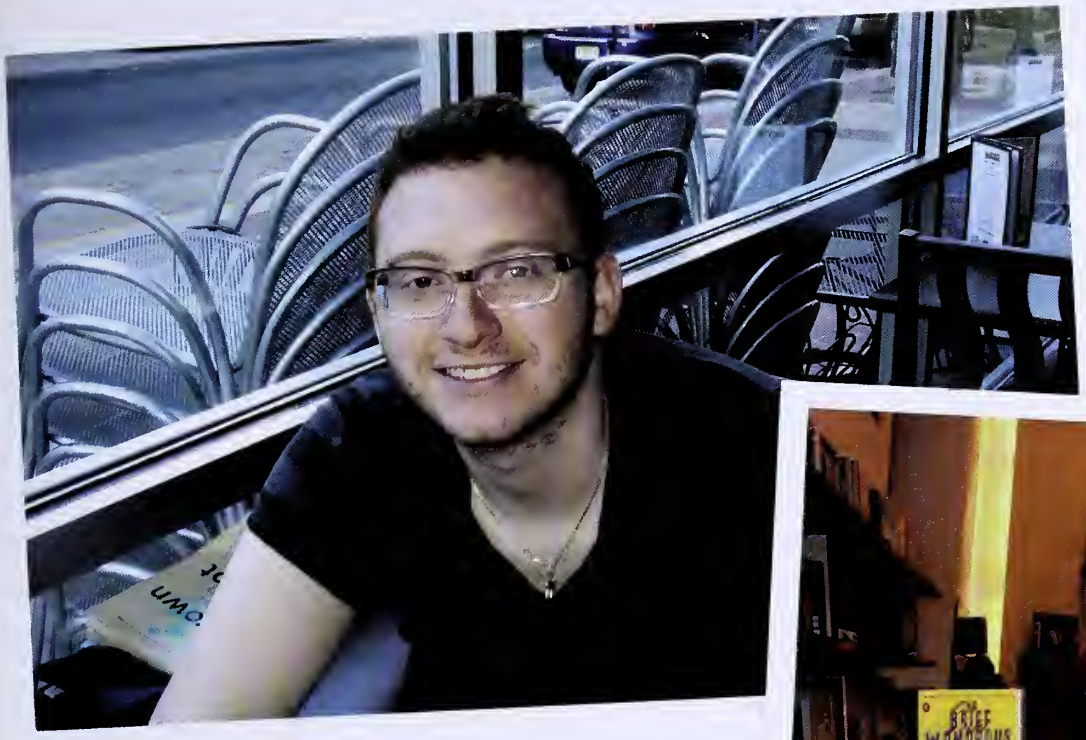
We are all so proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Lindsay,
Jinger, Snaps, and Yoda

"May your dreams stay big
and your worries stay small..."

Congratulations, Heather!

With so much love and pride,
Mom and Dad



Success

by Bessie Anderson Stanley (1904)

He has achieved success who has lived well,
laughed often, and loved much;

who has enjoyed the trust of pure women,
the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children;

who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;

who has left the world better than he found it whether by an improved poppy,
a perfect poem or a rescued soul;

who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty
or failed to express it;

who has always looked for the best in others and
given them the best he had;

whose life was an inspiration;
whose memory a benediction.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Today is your day.

You're off to great places!

You're off and away!

You have brains in your head

You have feet in your shoes

You can steer yourself

any direction you choose.

You're on your own. And you know what you know.

And YOU are the gal who'll decide where to go.

- Dr. Seuss

REBECCA

Dear Becca,

We are incredibly proud of you and all that you have achieved at Muhlenberg.

You have always been a shining star in our lives and we know that you truly are "off to great places!"

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Dani, Adam, Cole, Mike and Lindsay

KATHERINE

You continue to sparkle and amaze us with your spirit, dedication, and sense of humor. We have no doubt that with your passion for the environment, sustainability, and human rights, you will make a huge difference in the lives of others and the well-being of the planet. We are incredibly proud and deeply moved by the purposeful woman you have become, and will continue to be.

Just remember in your journey to make the world a better place to also rest and have some fun like you are in this photograph. Your smile and laughter are contagious and you have brought so much joy into our lives today and always. Congratulations on your graduation!!

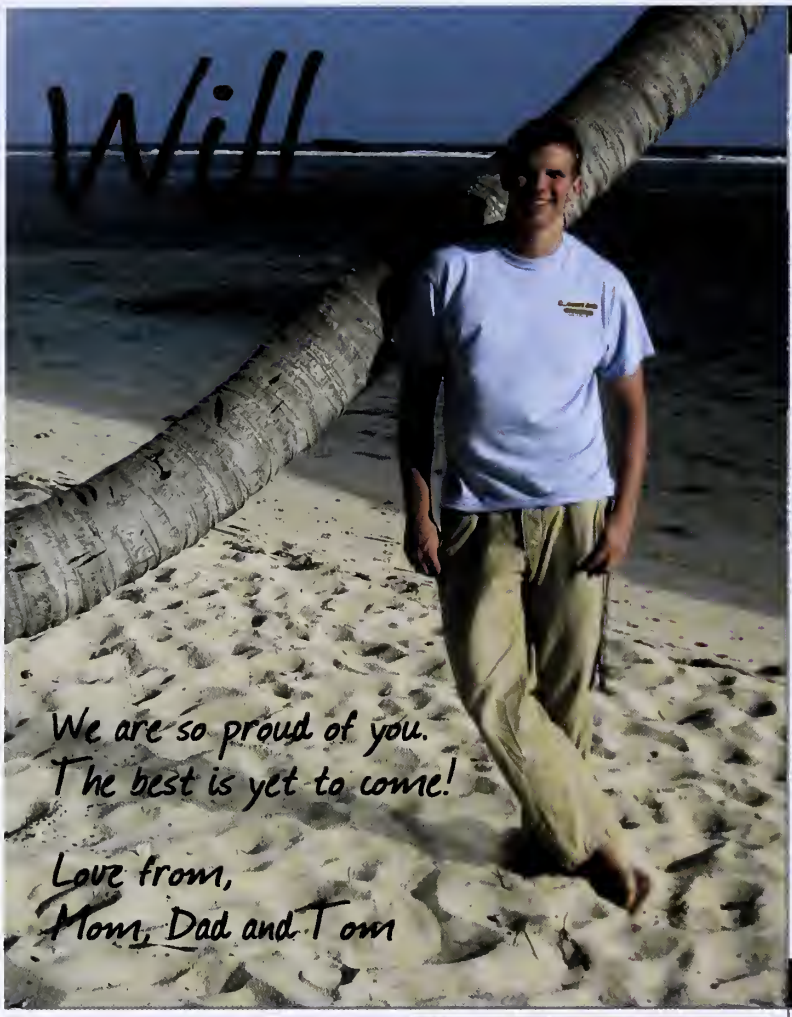
We love you,

Mom and Dad

Dear Jaime,

We are so proud of you and the young man you have become. Graduation is not the end, it is just the beginning as you stand poised on the brink of your journey. When your life flashes before your eyes, make sure you've got plenty to watch.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Meg and Kaitlin



SARA WOLLIN

MAY YOUR FUTURE BE AS BRIGHT AS YOUR SMILE.

THANKS FOR GIVING US SO MANY REASONS TO BE PROUD!

WE LOVE YOU, MOM AND DAD

You've come a long way!

Congratulations!

The Best is yet to come!

Much Love,
Mom & Dad & Lowell

Congratulations,
Muhlenberg Women's Rugby Team Seniors!

Choppy, Christy, Drill, Emily,
Heather, Jacquie, Kelly, Lindsey

Best Wishes from The Malacaria Family

SCOTT,

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

GOOD LUCK, MUCH HAPPINESS, AND KNOW HOW PROUD WE ARE OF YOU!

LOVE- DAD, MOM, LINDSAY

Raymond,

We are very proud of your accomplishments and of the young man you have become.

Everyone in the family wishes you health, happiness and wealth.

We love you, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Jessica

With each of your accomplishments we are more in awe and more proud of you! You are amazing! Dental school is next!! Wishing you a lifetime of dreams come true! We love you so very, very much.
Hugs and Kisses,
Mom, Dad, and Jackie
xoxoxoxoxox

Congratulations Jesse! We've spent a lifetime watching you grow into the wonderful person you are!! We are so proud of you! With love, Joseph, David, Nate, Jocelyn, Nel & Alexander

UMDNJ University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey

To the little girl who came out to see her uncle with a Santa hat on. You sure have come a long way! We are so proud of our Dr. Jessica. Love, Uncle Steve (Aunt)

Jessie, Congratulations! I love you soo much! I can't wait to visit/bother you at work! Love, Josh

Jessie - I'm so proud of you! I love you + anything for anything for Aunt Karen

Congratulations for graduating college from

To the most amazing sister, to say we are proud of you wouldn't say nearly enough. You are always surprising us and I am sure you will continue to do so in great ways. I am so "lucky" to have you as a sister. Love you more than anything, Daniel

Dear Jessie I love you Keith

To Infinity and Beyond!!
Jessie, congrats! I can't believe you're done, now its dr. Listua time! You're my cousin, best friend + sister! I can't wait to live super close and have dinners together! so so so proud of you! love, Alli

Jessie Dear!! I can't believe you're done with school! You're an adult now! I hope you're not too old to receive a pill or twilight increase! I love you!! Love that will you! Love Uncle Michael

Dear Dr. Jessie, We are so proud of you!! Love, Aunt Felecia

Jessie We're so proud of you and love you. Love, Uncle Michael

Dear Jessica We are very proud of you, you are the great Dr in our family. Grandpa is in Seven Heaven we love you very much P.S. Be good.

Good Luck Love you Annie

My best Jessie and savvy the few teeth I have left for you! Love, love & kisses Grammy-

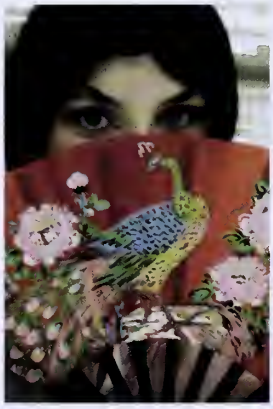
Jesse- Congrats! I can't believe you are done with school! You're like an adult now! Definitely not too old to hang out with your younger cousins, love you so much! -Mariah

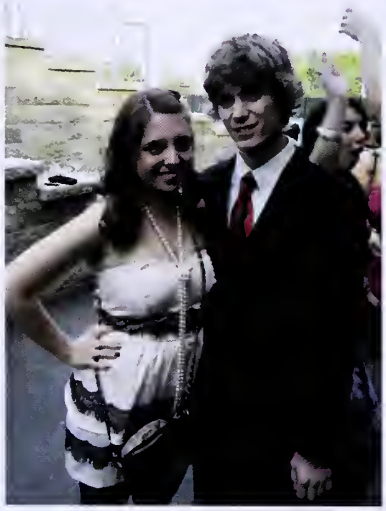
CONGRATS Jessica

Love, Aunt Marie Uncle Lew Steven Erica Allison

Jess Joy

Congratulations to our wonderful daughter Jess – we are so very proud of your academic accomplishments & even prouder of the amazing young woman you have become. Now is the time to look forward, set new goals and dream new dreams. With your talent and ability, you can reach the stars! A huge thank you to the Muhlenberg faculty for encouraging and nurturing our lovely daughter. These experiences will be treasured for a lifetime.





"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." - *Thoreau*

Samantha Joy-

You have successfully paved your road to success with incredible determination, perseverance, faith and hard work.
We couldn't be more proud and love you very much.

BEST OF LUCK AT UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLAVANIA SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE !!

Mom, Dad, Carly, Logan and Franklyn

Ryan Marlow

"Never bend your head
Always hold it high.
Look the world right
In the eye!"

Helen Keller

Never Give Up!
It's Your Time to Shine.
The World is Waiting for You!

So proud with love always,
Momma & Dad

Philip,

Look at this picture! It's you and Cookie Monster (and your juice bottle) on your very first day of Nursery School.

And now, here we are today - at your college graduation - your very last day of school - a graduate of Muhlenberg College. So much has changed since that picture. Your phone replaced Cookie Monster .... your Starbuck's cup is your new juice bottle ... your backpack holds your laptop instead of an extra diaper... and a 5 o'clock shadow took over where your boo boo left off. You truly are "the face of Muhlenberg".

What a wonderful 4 years this has been - and to think it all started out with a missed exit on 476 North! You have amazed me every step of the way. My greatest pleasure has been watching you grow and mature into the most incredible man I am so honored to have as a son. I am so very proud to say "I am Philip Weisgold's Mom!" I cannot wait to see the wonderful and marvelous things that the future holds for you!

I love you so very, very much!!

Moo

Melissa Roth
and the Class of 2012

Melissa - We wish you great success at Rutgers-Camden School of Law and happiness forever.

With all our love and pride always,
Mom and Dad

"It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all."
- J.K. Rowling

Joshua Silverman

Josh,
We have watched you grov
from an amazing boy to an
extraordinary young man.
We are so proud of you.
Congratulations.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Craig

CONGRATULATIONS
JOSH BOHN

WE WISH YOU GREAT SUCCESS AT WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AND RACHEL

Faith,

Mazel Tov on your incredible achievements!

Your Obie, Drama Desk, Emmy, Oscar, and Tony awards all await! (And so does your Kennedy Center Honor, but you've still got plenty of time for that.)

Love, Dad

Tennille

Congratulations on a job well done. You are the pride and joy of our family, your heart knows no boundaries and your warmth and kindness are without limits.

Take pride in what you have accomplished and know that we love you more than all the stars in the sky.

Love Mom & Dad, Perry, Lyndon, Pierce & Rhett.

Taylor,

Enjoy life, feel alive.
Face the crowd.
Be proud.
Perform.
Shine your brightest!
Love every minute of it.
Amaze them.

- Unknown

With your talents and intellect, you always do.
Congratulations on your many accomplishments!
Mom, Dad and Skyler

Kelsea,

Du bist mein Sonnenschein, mein einziger Sonnenschein
Du machst mich froh während Himmelgrau
Du weißt es nicht wieviel Ich Dich liebe
Nimm den Sonnenschein nicht weg
GLUCKWUNSCHE!!

Liebe,
Mutti

This is a picture of discipline, inspiration, love, kindness, courage, strength and ambition; this is our Reneé. We love you and applaud your accomplishments and will be there to support you in all your future endeavors.

Love from your Mom, Dad, Sister and Grandma.

Jennifer Apple

or is it

College Grad?

YOU DID IT!
Truly a superb accomplishment!

We are so proud of
ALL your achievements!

We love and adore you!

Mom, Dad, Jeremy, Emily & Brianna

Ryan

How quickly your four years at a Muhlenberg have come to an end! Running, studying, Florence, good times and great friends are many of the special memories you'll have as the "Red Doors" close behind you. Now, because of all your hard work and determination your dream of working for one of the "Big Four" is about to begin!
Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

All Our Love,
Mom, Michael and Evan
****Remember Dad is always by your side****

Matthew

We are so proud and happy to be with you as you graduate from Muhlenberg College. You just don't believe everyone when they tell you that it will go fast, and then it hits you-it went by pretty fast! So here we are celebrating the amazing experiences you've had during this time and that we're sure you will remember for a lifetime; the friends, the professors, the studies, the teammates, the semester abroad, and so much more that have brought you to where you are today. You've done a great job and we are thrilled that we are as close as we are and excited for you as you enter the next phase of your life. Keep believing in yourself and you will find your goals within reach. Onward and upward!

Love Mom and Dad

Luke,

Four years spent wisely. You have accomplished so much. All your hard work has paid off.
Make the world a better place. We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jessica, Joe, Matthew, Grandma, Bill, and all the cats.

KATHRYN,

IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY.....
WE ARE SO VERY PROUD
OF ALL YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED.
MAY ALL OF YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE.

CONGRATULATIONS!
ALL OUR LOVE,
MOM, DAD and JEREMY

To: Kadeem Malcolm Alston-Roman

You've Come This Far By Faith.

Words alone cannot express the love and pride we have for you. As you begin this new journey, follow your dreams, follow your heart, follow your own path and live life like it's Golden.

Success is already yours !

"In all thy ways God (within) and He will direct your paths"
- Proverbs 3:6

Love always,
The Alston Family

Jamie Sklar - 2012

A smile that brings smiles to others.

Compassionate and Driven.

Heart of Gold and Mind to Match.

You will make one Very Special Doctor.

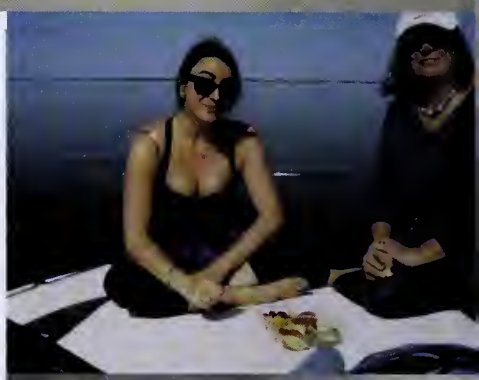
Thank You for your Dedication to your studies.

We are So Proud of You.

Congratulations to you and your classmates.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jessie,

and from all to whom you have made life all that much better.

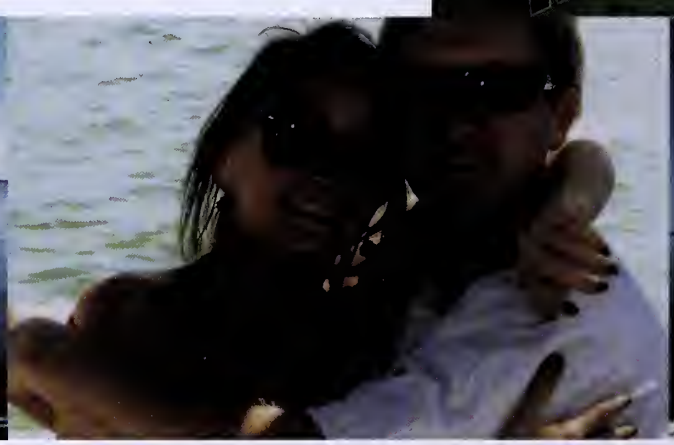


Congratulations

Ellen!

Good luck and fortune to follow.

- Mom, Dad, Keith, and Tim



CONGRATULATIONS JOY!!!!

We are SO PROUD of you!

With thanks to the lovely community of Muhlenberg College

From the Forlenza Family

We congratulate our son

Jonathan Max Shikora

on graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, minor in Mathematics.
We are, as always, so proud!

Welcome to the Muhlenberg Alumni Association!

With all our love,
Mom '81 & Dad '81

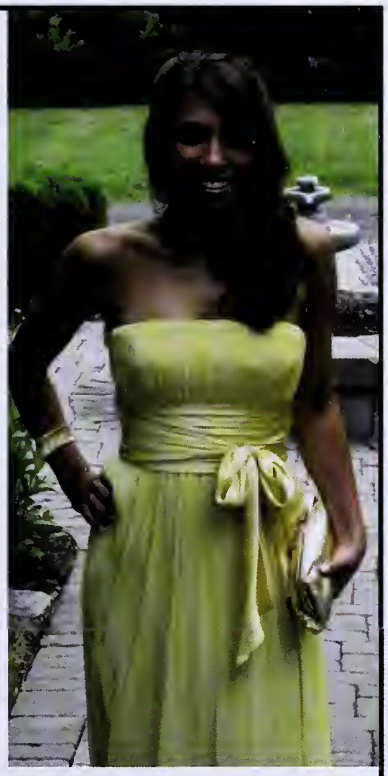
Jenna,

Congratulations on your Graduation!

We love you very much and are so proud of your accomplishments.

Keep reaching for the stars!

You're the best!



Love,
Mom, Dad and Harrison

Dear Jeff,

We have always been so proud of you and during your four years at Muhlenberg, you have continued to amaze us with your accomplishments. This is only the beginning of what is sure to be an exciting and wonderful future. Congratulations!

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Andrew

Dearest Daina,

Graduating college is an amazing accomplishment and we are so proud that you have come this far.

It has been a pleasure watching you grow into a loving and generous young woman.

As your time in college comes to a close think of this time as a happy ending and the start of a wonderful new beginning.

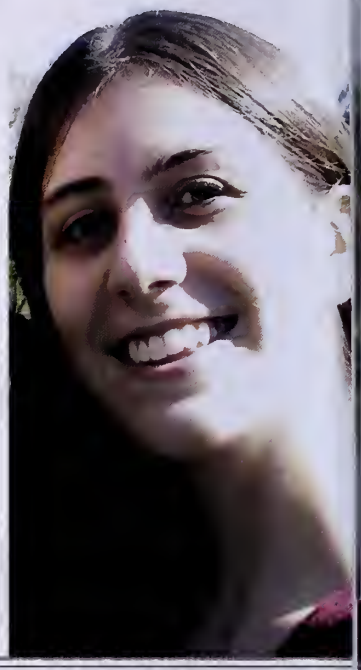
We are very proud of you. Congratulations!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Gina

Congratulations Elysse!

We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Everett, and Madeline



Elise...

We are so Proud of all your Accomplishments!
We Wish you Love, Luck, & Success!

Mom, Dad, & Jason

Dan Carlow

Congratulations on your graduation!
We are very proud of you!
Good luck in grad school!

Love, Mom and Dad

Believe deep down in your heart you're destined to do great things."

- Joe Paterno

Enjoy life, be true to yourself, help the less fortunate and remember to cherish those who love you.

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS ANNA!

With our love
~ Mom, Dad, Laura, Michael
...and June Bug!

Dearest Eléonore

We are so proud of you

Congratulations!

Love,

Mom, Dad and Founie

KIMMIE –

You did it! Congratulations. We are so proud of you and know you will do amazing things with your creativity and spunk.

Oodles of Love,
Mom and Bridget

Hooray Kim!
"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."
- Dr. Seuss

Love and wishes for unprecedented happiness! Paul, Laura, and Bernie

Dear Kimberly,

Congratulations and all our best for the future. Stay as charming as you are today. We love you and are very proud of you!

Mama and Papa

Congratulations Keith

We are so proud of you!

Love always, Mom, Dad, Stephen and Leah

CONGRATULATIONS CHARLES!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU - AND WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

- MOM, DAD, MARTIN & JAMES

Dear Brianna,

You have accomplished great success through hard work and determintaion. Trust your heart and continue to follow your dreams. We are so proud of you!!

With love,
Mom and Dad

"Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."
-Anne Frank

Hooray, Christine!

We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom and Jen

Brianna,

It seems like it was just yesterday that you were being silly, trying to grab my attention by repeating my name over and over. That's probably because it was yesterday. As your older brother, I've watched you turn from an amazingly bright, beautiful, benevolent girl into a bright, beautiful, benevolent woman with girlish tendencies. You find a new way to make me proud every day, and especially on your graduation. Oh, our Muhlenberg. Refrigerator.

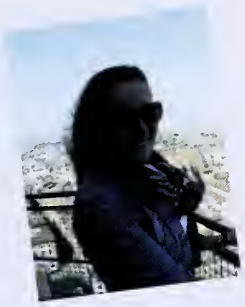
Love,
Stephen

We are proud of you Emily!

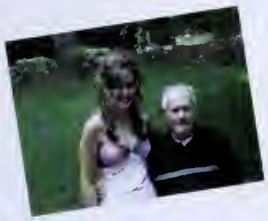
Congratulations on your graduation and best of luck in your future endeavors!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Meg,
Reba, Beau, and Alice

Anthie, you have succeeded and we couldn't be any prouder. Yes, along the way there were tears before exams that you thought were all but impossible to pass but were soon followed by tears of joy for accomplishments well deserved. Throughout your four years at Muhlenberg you worked hard but met friends and created memories for life.



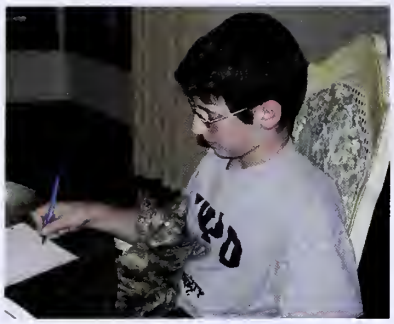
As we watched you grow from an infant to the beautiful young women we see before us today, we admire your kindness and compassion. Your love and commitment for family and friends is special and will carry you through times both good and bad.



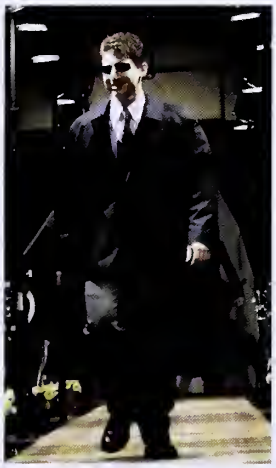
You have achieved much but we know you have hopes and dreams - pursue them, you have much to offer. Take what you have learned at Muhlenberg and use it as a stepping stone to reach for your ultimate goals. Remember, rarely does one attain success without hard work and passion; you will always have our love and support and we will always be there to lend an ear as you continue on your journey.

We are extremely proud of you and congratulate you today not only for graduating from Muhlenberg but for being the person you are!

With all of our love; Mom, Dad and Alexa



Dear Adam:



You have come a long way since we restricted your interaction with anything during study time. You do understand it was all to get you through life on more than your "Charm and good looks." Unfortunately, looks do fade! We are so proud that you have earned this diploma as a back up.

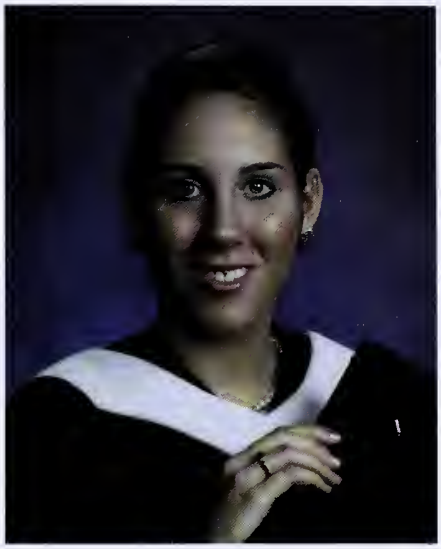
We love and support you always.

Mom, Dad, Alyssa,
Madonna, & Zorro

Beth,
We have been so proud of you since the day you were born. We know that you will succeed in whatever you choose to do.

Congratulations on your graduation from college-

Love Mom & Dad



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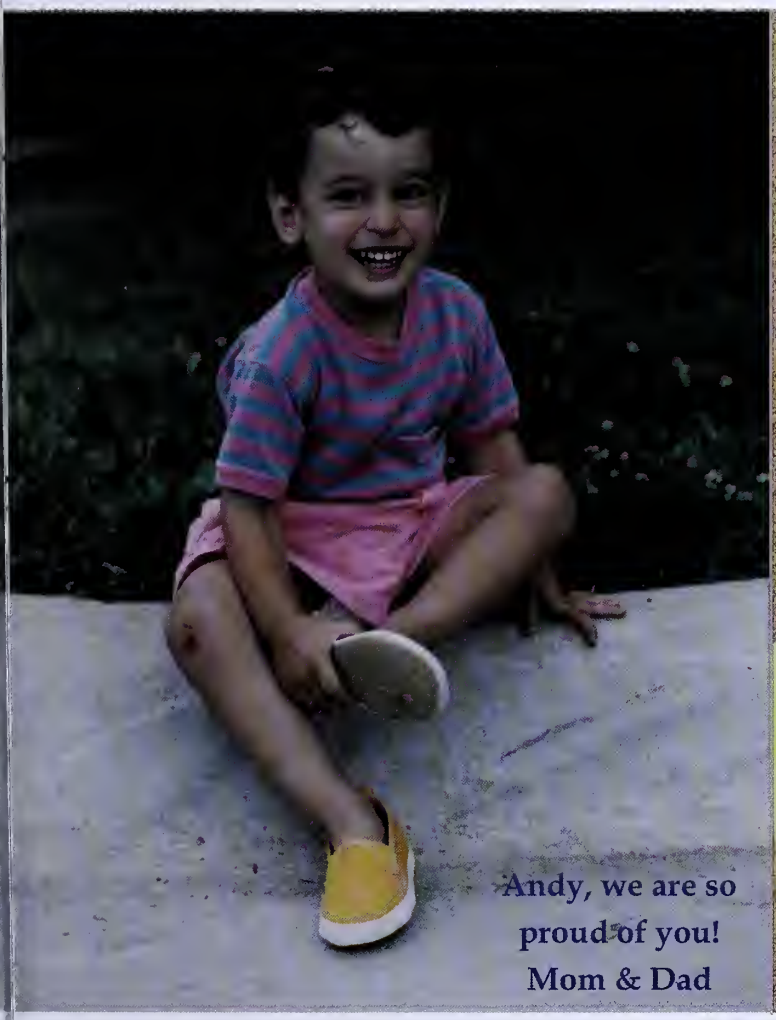


Andy, we are so proud of you!
Mom & Dad

congratulations
Amy!

Always follow your flashlight.

With love from your family.

Christina

You have brought us joy since the moment you were born. Our dreams have been fulfilled with the beautiful daughter you have been and the amazing woman you are becoming. We couldn't be any prouder of you and all that you have accomplished.

Keep on smiling, dancing and dreaming.

All our love,
Mom and Dana

Congratulations, Brooke!

We are so proud of all your hard work.

You have reached the summit.
A bright future lies before you.

All our love, Mom and Dad

Four years have come to a close and your hard work has finally been rewarded. We are very proud of the man you have become. Time for a new chapter to be written.
Dream for a great tomorrow!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Alec,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments.

You will be great in whatever you do!

Love Mom, Dad & Gabriela

To Jonathan Landau -
2012 Student Leader of the Year Recipient,

May you live to see your world fulfilled
May your destiny be for worlds still to come,
And may you trust in generations past and yet to be.

May your heart be filled with intuition
And your words be filled with insight.

May songs of praise ever be upon your tongue
And your vision be a straight path before you.

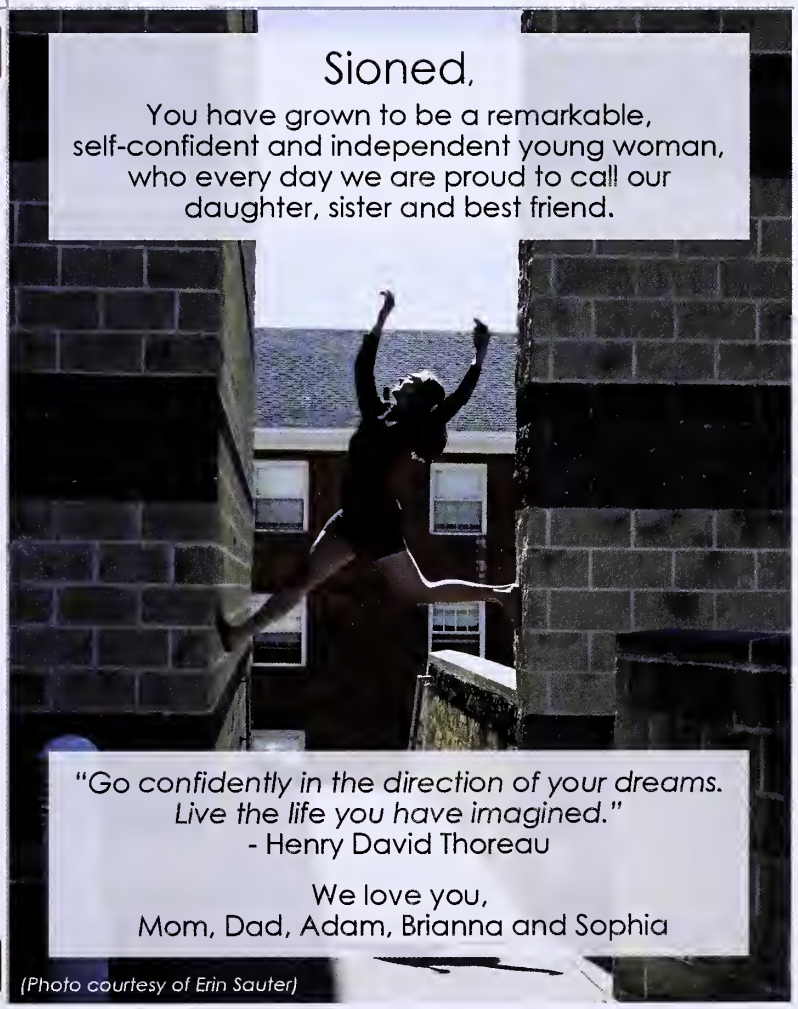
May your eyes shine with the light of holy words
and your face reflect the brightness of the heavens…
Talmud, Berachot 17A

Congratulations and your Graduation!
We love you very much & are very proud of you,

Mom & Abba
Shannon & Jordan
Bubbe & Zayde
Aunt Susan & Uncle Cliff
Uncle Greg & Aunt Maryl
And all of your Cousins

Sioned,

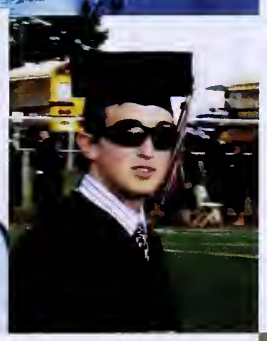
You have grown to be a remarkable, self-confident and independent young woman, who every day we are proud to call our daughter, sister and best friend.



"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
- Henry David Thoreau

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Adam, Brianna and Sophia

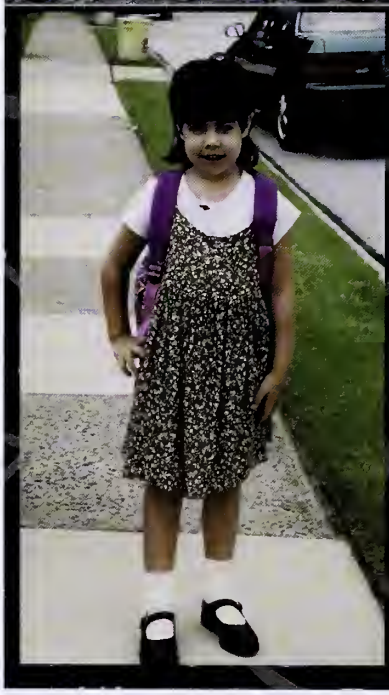
(Photo courtesy of Erin Sauter)

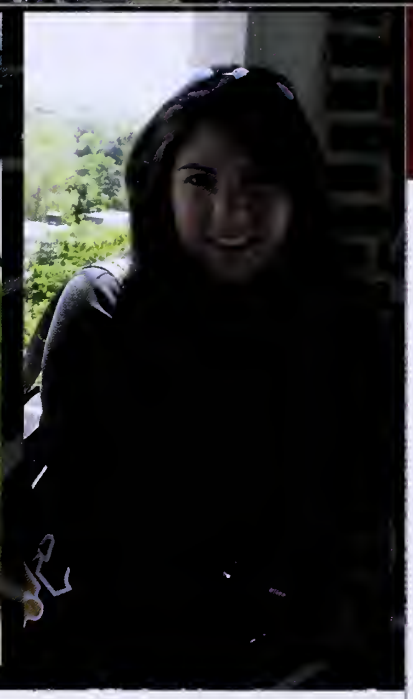


Gabriel,

We are so very proud of you! May you always strive to be your best and accomplish what you set out to do! We love you.

Mom, Dad, Hillary, Ian and the family.





You courageously proved to everyone that there are no limits to what you can achieve.

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Mommom, Grandpop + Grammy

Joe Dellaripa,

Congratulations, Joe!
We are all so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Vincent, Jason, Nicole and Averie

ADAM BERNSTEIN

We are so proud of you!

It has taken a lot of dedication and perseverance to achieve your degree. We congratulate you and wish you the best as your embark on your next exciting adventure.

Remember there are no shortcuts to life's greatest achievements. Constant effort and frequent mistakes are the stepping stone to genius.

Love you,
Dad, Mom and Marisa

Congratulations Elyse!!

We are very proud of you on this day and every day.
Best wishes in all your future endeavors.

All our Love,
Mom & Brett

Dear Lizzie,

We love you and are very proud of you. You made the most of your days at Muhlenberg and we know that you're ready for the new challenges ahead. We wish you all the happiness and blessings that life has to offer.

Love,
Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS, MICHELLE!

Take pride in your achievement.
We wish you success in all you do.

Love from your fan club,
Mom, Dad and Stef
Grandpa, Oma and Opa

Dave,

Words cannot express how much we love you and how proud we are of you. We've watched you grow into a strong, caring, and wonderful young man. Congratulations on your graduation from Muhlenberg and the start of the next chapter of your life. We wish you everything you wish for yourself and more! May all your hopes and dreams come true!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, and Jeff

"The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers.
But above all, the world needs dreamers who do"

- Sarah Ban Breathnach

Dear Barri,

We are so proud of your many accomplishments!!
Congratulations on this huge achievement!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Cliff, Sherry
and your entire family.

CONGRATULATIONS!
ANDREW

LOVE, MOM AND DAD

CONGRATULATIONS
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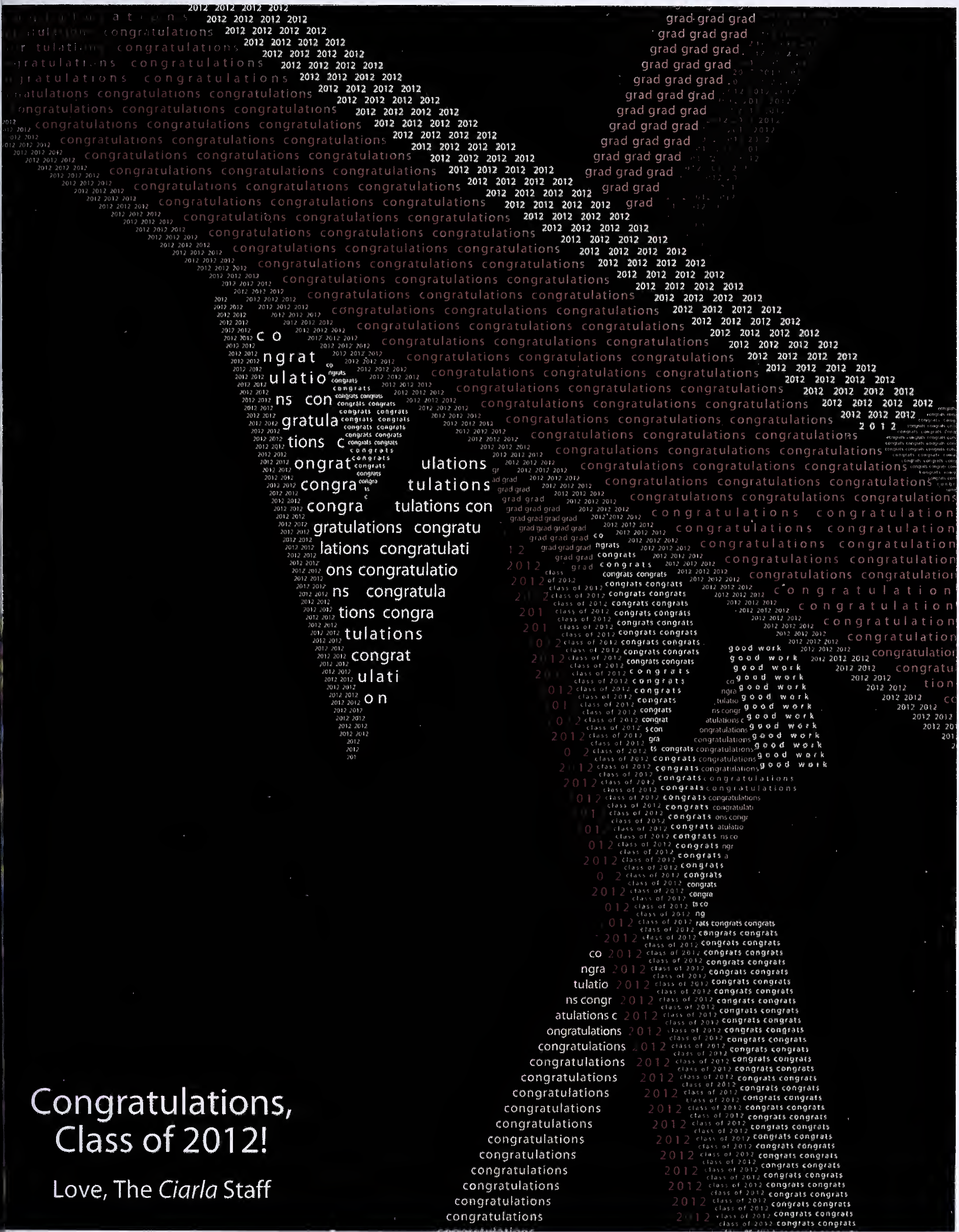
2012

John,

You sprinkle our life with joy!

We are so Proud of all the things that you have accomplished!

Love, Grandma & Grandpa Billiams



Congratulations, Class of 2012!

Love, The *Ciarla* Staff

In the summer between our sophomore and junior year, Deborah sent me a lengthy Facebook message outlining her ideas for our senior year yearbook. We had just become Editors-in-Chief, having finished the 2010 book under the supervision of Debra Crockett (who taught us the ropes). She gave a detailed description of her concept, but I still had one question: what about the 2011 book?

We finished the 2011 book, obviously, and you are currently holding the 2012 edition that Deborah envisioned. The concept may have been gestating for two years, but this book has technically been four years in the making: it is the culmination of an entire Muhlenberg career's worth of working on the Ciarla Yearbook staff. I know, I know, I am speaking in terms that are a bit overly grandiose for a college yearbook. For most students on Muhlenberg campus, the most interaction they have with the yearbook prior to graduation is expressing surprise that we actually have one (we do — you're holding it). However, after spending hours upon hours taking photos, laying out content, sending out mailings, coordinating staff meetings, pestering people for information, designing parent pride ads, and scrambling to meet (and successfully meeting!) deadlines, we can say definitively that the Muhlenberg Ciarla has become a massive part of our lives.

If you look carefully, however, you will notice both Deborah, Lisa (our sports editor), and I have portraits in the senior section (Deb's hair looks gorgeous, by the way) — which means that we are graduating and leaving our 216-page, full-color baby to the next generation of staff members. While we are thankful to finally be free of 2 AM planning sessions and endless repeated inquiries (Do seniors get a yearbook for free? Wait... seniors get a yearbook for free? Do they?), we are also very sad to have to leave the book behind.

However, we are leaving the Ciarla in good hands. Rebecca, our Editor-in-Training, will be stepping up as Editor-in-Chief. Any freshman who can take 5 classes per semester and still have the time, energy, and enthusiasm to check in weekly and keep on top of every assignment we give her is definitely qualified to oversee this book. And she will be backed by a kick-ass staff (Can I print that word? I probably can — I'm still Editor-in-Chief, for now) - Julia, Elissa, Steph, Marissa, Kristen, and Hanna - who have all done amazing work this year and will continue to do so in the future. And let's not forget Jill, our advisor, and Ed, the most amazing publishing rep on the face of the planet (I have empirical evidence to support this claim).

I could probably go on for quite a bit with more thanking and sentimentality and all, but there is already quite a bit of a nostalgia overload in this book. So, I will sign things off here with a general thank you to all of the Muhlenberg College students, parents, faculty, staff, and administrators who have helped us to transform the Ciarla from a blank digital file into the gorgeous (if I do say so myself) book that you are currently holding. Treat your yearbook well — if not because it is a snapshot of your college experience, then because it represents four years of our blood (papercuts — they happen), sweat, and tears (of both joy and sorrow — mostly joy).

Sincerely,
Stephanie Plumeri
Editor-in-Chief
Ciarla Yearbook

editors' notes

Warning: Stop reading now if you aren't feeling the nostalgia overload.

I've never been as good with words (or grammar...my apologies for that in advance) as Steph. She's able to sit down and write a 10-page paper without pausing. I, on the other hand, agonize over every word in every sentence I write - even if it's just in an email. Perhaps it is this attention to detail that has caused my Editor's Letter to be the last unfinished page in the 120th edition of the Ciarla yearbook. Being a Psych major, however, I'm inclined to think that my difficulty writing this letter came from another source. I may have graduated from Muhlenberg College on May 20th, 2012 but I'm still the Editor-in-Chief of the Ciarla until we press that magic "publish" button in our fancy yearbook-making program. The Ciarla was the first organization at Muhlenberg in which I took a leadership role so it is fitting that it's also my final responsibility as a Muhlenberg student. But I find myself not wanting to press the magic "publish" button because it feels like such a definitive ending.

When we came to Berg (approximately) four years ago, I'm sure most of us shared a certain feeling of possibility. We knew this could be the place where we find anyone from the brothers or sisters we should have had, to the love of our life, to ourselves. I remember sitting on the floor of mine and Steph's first room at Muhlenberg (Prosser 1215) with some members of my FYS (Body Dialogues) during Freshman Orientation Weekend. We were thinking of places we wanted to go, activities we wanted to try, countries where we wanted to study abroad, courses we wanted to explore. Our refrain for that year was, "It's okay if we don't do [X] now, we have four more years to do [X]!"

But then I blinked or took an extra long nap or something and we had graduated.

Here I am two weeks after graduation. I'm writing this letter on the couch in my parents' house and I'm thinking, well, lot of stuff including,: "I forgot to buy that HamFam t-shirt!" "My senior portrait is hideous," and "Where are my possibilities now?" I am outside of the Muhlenbubble and there aren't Activities Fairs, Student Advisors (thanks Charlie!), or RAs (thanks Becca!) to help me find them this time. Lucky for its alumni, Muhlenberg has prepared us to be more than grad students, web developers, accountants, or even the assistant director of admissions at the "hottest" college in the nation. It prepared us to create our own possibilities. So that's what I'm going to do...and I sincerely look forward to hearing what you all create for yourselves.

It's going to be hard but I have got to stop thinking of Muhlenberg the location - of Moyer 026, of that table in the upper right corner of the old Garden Room, of Hillcrest House - as my home. One of my favorite bands (Stornoway - if you like mellow, folksy kind of music then I recommend looking them up) has a song lyric that goes, "But I'll tell you the reason you couldn't get home//Cause that's nowhere you've been and it's nowhere you're going//Home is only a feeling you get in your mind//From the people you love and you travel beside." I wanted to end my Editor's Note by thanking all of the individuals who I've traveled beside these past four years . There are far too many of you to name but I have poured my heart into making this book for you. I really hope you enjoy it!

Best,
Deborah E. Ward
Editor-in-Chief
Ciarla Yearbook

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I love to sit and think and dream,
And oft conspire.
And yet amid the swelling stream
Of fond desire,
My heart turns ever to Thee,
Alma Mater, Alma Mater.
Thee will I ever sing,
To Thee my heart shall cling.
Of thee my praises ring
O Muhlenberg, Alma Mater,
O my Muhlenberg.